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**COVER SHEET**

**SUBJECT: MICHAEL MICKEY COHEN**

**FILE #62-HQ-89947**

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

February 8, 1949

Received from Walter Winchell.

Notation reads "To Hoover"

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Dear Walter;

*To Hoox*  
Peggy Ann Garner, the movie actress, is opening in a play on Broadway in May, and Mickey Cohen, the west coast gangster, is backing it with \$75,000. **b7c**  
[REDACTED] called me and asked me to give it to you. She vouches for it.)

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Director, FBI

Re: MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES

Dear Sir:

Re Salt Lake City letter to the Bureau dated February 25, 1949, concerning "VICE CONDITIONS, Las Vegas, Nevada; RESEARCH MATTER," wherein [redacted] reports that JACK DRAGNA, prominent Los Angeles hoodlum and associate of MICKEY COHEN, has reportedly stated that MICKEY COHEN had planned to kidnap MOE SEDWAY and hold him for \$100,000 ransom following the latter's release from the hospital.

Reference is also made to Salt Lake City letter to the Bureau on this same subject dated February 23, 1949, wherein it was reported that MICKEY COHEN and his gang have taken over the race book at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas and have averaged a betting gross of more than \$100,000 per day since the opening on January 28, 1949; further, that prominent hoodlums in Los Angeles are the source for the statement that MICKEY COHEN has "muscle" in on [redacted] race book business in Los Angeles and that, as a result of pressure from COHEN's mob, prominent criminal operators such as [redacted] and [redacted] have been forced to leave Los Angeles.

This information confirms reports received by the Los Angeles Office during the past several months indicating that MICKEY COHEN is definitely on an offensive in this area and has ambitions to replace BENJAMIN "BUGSIE" SIEGEL as the criminal boss of the Los Angeles-Las Vegas area. As the Bureau has been previously advised, COHEN is now ensconced in a heavily-guarded headquarters at the corner of Sunset Boulevard and Palm Avenue in Hollywood. It was at this address that HARRY "HOOKY" ROTHMAN was murdered and two of COHEN's other henchmen were wounded in typical gangster fashion approximately six months ago. Now COHEN has installed bullet-proof doors, burglar alarms and a twenty-four hour guard to protect his operations at this location. Immediately adjacent to these headquarters on the Palm Avenue side is an apartment house [redacted]

In this apartment house, [redacted]



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Mickey Cohen

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is being paid

a very large sum for the property

It would appear from all sources of information presently available that MICKEY COHEN is presently engaged in major criminal operations involving interstate enterprises and that he definitely plans to expand in the future.

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For a considerable period of time, as the Bureau has been previously advised, there have been general allegations that COHEN is engaged in Federal

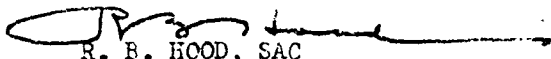
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violations. [REDACTED] have advised agents that if the Bureau could "get close" to COHEN they would uncover a great many activities which come under Bureau jurisdiction.

It is my personal opinion that the present circumstances are particularly favorable for the installation of a microphone surveillance [REDACTED] which would give the Bureau the necessary coverage to establish Federal violations by the COHEN Gang and permit the members of this rapidly growing organization to be prosecuted before they gain any additional criminal and political influence in the Los Angeles-Las Vegas area. Once such a surveillance were installed, the security of its operation would be enhanced by virtue of the fact that the location of this address would permit it to be [REDACTED] maintained by this office. The additional fact that [REDACTED] is in a position to provide an ideal entre and the fact that this opportunity may be lost in the near future leads me to recommend that consideration be given to the desirability of installing a microphone surveillance [REDACTED] in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

  
R. B. HOOD, SAC

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

MICHAEL (MICKY) COHEN, INFORMATION CONCERNING, HACKSTERING ACTIVITIES.  
AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR INSTALLATION OF MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE REQUESTED IN  
YOUR LET MARCH THREE PROVIDED ADEQUATE SECURITY ASSURED. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES  
IS ANYONE OUTSIDE THE BUREAU TO KNOW OF THIS SURVEILLANCE. ADVISE DATE  
INSTALLATION MADE AND SYMBOL TO BE USED. FURNISH SUMMARY EVERY TWO WEEKS OF  
PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MICHAEL (MICKY) COHEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES

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DATE: March 9, 1949

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PURPOSE

To advise that the Los Angeles office has requested authority to install a microphone surveillance on [REDACTED] Mickey Cohen, notorious rackets leader of Los Angeles, and to recommend that such authority be granted.

BACKGROUND

Mickey Cohen is the principal criminal figure in the Los Angeles area and heads a gang of hoodlums and alleged killers who dominate racketeering activities in the Los Angeles area. Cohen has a long criminal record reflecting arrests on charges of embezzlement, evasion of income tax, robbery, and murder. He received sensational publicity in August, 1948, following the assassination of his bodyguard Harry (Hooky) Rothman, supposedly by rival gangsters, and the wounding of two other associates at Cohen's place of business on Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles.

It will be recalled that recent communications from the Salt Lake City Division reflect that Cohen and his associates have taken over the race book at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas and have "muscle" in on competing race books in Los Angeles, forcing several criminal operators to leave the area. One of these Salt Lake City letters dated February 25, 1949, reflects a report received [REDACTED]

Jack Dragna, prominent Los Angeles hoodlum and an associate of Mickey Cohen, to the effect that Cohen had planned to kidnap Moe Sedway and hold him for \$100,000 ransom following the latter's release from a Los Angeles hospital.

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DETAILS

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The attached letter from the Los Angeles Division dated March 3, 1949, reflects that Cohen is now definitely on an offensive in the Los Angeles area and has ambitions to replace Benjamin "Bugsie" Siegel as the criminal boss of the Los Angeles-Las Vegas area. Cohen has installed himself in headquarters equipped with bullet-proof doors, burglar alarms, and a twenty-four hour guard to protect his operations.

[REDACTED] is an apartment house

[REDACTED] in this apartment house [REDACTED]

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

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The Los Angeles letter also reflects that from available sources of information it appears that Cohen is now engaged in major criminal operations involving interstate enterprises and that he definitely plans to expand in the future.

SAC Hood has personally recommended that present circumstances are favorable for the installation of a microphone surveillance in the apartment [redacted] and has expressed the opinion that this surveillance would give the Bureau the necessary coverage to establish Federal violations by the Cohen gang and permit prosecution of the members of that organization before they gain additional criminal and political influence in the Los Angeles-Las Vegas area. He has requested authority for the installation of such surveillance and has advised that the security of such an installation would be enhanced by reason of the fact that its location would permit it to be [redacted] maintained by the Los Angeles office.

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RECOMMENDATION

In view of Cohen's prominence as a racketeer, together with indications that he and his gang are engaged in Federal violations, it is recommended that authority be granted for the installation of a microphone surveillance [redacted] as requested by the Los Angeles office.

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If you approve, the attached wire will be sent to Los Angeles.

Attachment

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MICHAEL QUOTE MICKEY QUOTE COHEN, INFORMATION CONCERNING. [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED] ARRESTED BY LAPD TWO AM TODAY AS A RESULT OF BEATING ADMIN-

ISTERED TO [REDACTED] BY [REDACTED] NINETEENTH INSTANT ACCOMPANIED

BY LITTLE DAVE OGUL, [REDACTED] AND FRANK

WICCOLI, ALIAS FRANKIE BURNS, ALL HENCHMEN OF COHEN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LA ALLEGEDLY RECORDED CONVERSATION BETWEEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY HEARD OF RECORDED CONVER-

SATION AND HIRED COHEN AND HIS GANG TO BEAT UP [REDACTED] AND SECURE

RECORDING TAPE. AS ASSAILANTS LEFT SCENE OF BEATING THEY WERE APPRE-

HENDED BY LAPD OFFICERS WHO BROUGHT SUBJECTS TO WILSHIRE STATION OF

LAPD. [REDACTED] OF WILSHIRE DETECTIVE BUREAU ALLEG-

EDLY TOLD THE OFFICERS QUOTE THIS CASE IS BIGGER THAN YOU AND ME.

TEAR UP YOUR NOTES AND DON-T DISCUSS THE CASE. IF ANYBODY ASKS YOU

WHAT YOU DID YOU STOPPED SUSPECTS IN A ROUTINE SHAKEDOWN. SAY YOU

FOUND GUNS REGISTERED AND THAT THE SUSPECTS CARRIED CARDS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAYING THEY WERE DETECTIVES. EVERYTHING LOOKED ALL RIGHT

SO YOU LET THEM GO UNQUOTE. ABOVE SUBJECTS WERE RELEASED WITHOUT

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BEING BOOKED AND NO POLICE PUBLICITY ALTHOUGH SEVERAL BLOOD STAINED  
FIRE IRONS AND REVOLVERS WERE FOUND IN THE SUSPECTS POSSESSION. AN  
AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER TOOK PICTURES OF THE POLICE APPREHENDING AND  
SHAKING DOWN ABOVE SUSPECTS AND GAVE NEGATIVES TO LA TIMES NEWSPAPER  
WHO COPIED PICTURES AND RETURNED NEGATIVE TO PHOTOGRAPHER. UNIDENTI-  
FIED INDIVIDUAL APPROACHED PHOTOGRAPHER AT HIS SHOP AND POSED AS NEWS-  
PAPER REPORTER AND GAVE TWENTY DOLLARS FOR ABOVE NEGATIVES. APPARENT-  
LY THIS INDIVIDUAL IS CONNECTED WITH COHEN. ALL OF COHEN-S HENCHMEN  
HAVE DISAPPEARED AND WHEREABOUTS PRESENTLY UNKNOWN. COHEN ALLEGEDLY  
TO BE RELEASED ON ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND CHARGING HIM WITH  
CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO MURDER. LA COUNTY GRAND  
JURY REPORTED TO BE MAKING INQUIRY. FINAL EDITION OF HERALD EXPRESS  
THIS DATE CARRIED ARTICLE QUOTE ASSISTANT USA RAY KINNISON TELEGRAPHED  
USA GENERAL TOM CLARK REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO HAVE THE FBI STEP INTO  
THE CASE ON THE GROUNDS IT IS A FEDERAL OFFENSE FOR ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL  
UNDER CLOAK OF AUTHORITY TO INVADE ANY PERSON-S CIVIL RIGHTS UNQUOTE.  
KINNISON SO INTENDED BUT ACTING USA TOLIN WITHHELD SENDING REQUEST TO  
DEPT. ABSOLUTELY NO INVESTIGATION CONTEMPLATED. BUREAU WILL BE  
ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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cc: Mr. Rosen -

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Assistant Attorney General  
Alexander M. Campbell

March 25, 1949

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Director, FBI

CAPTAIN [REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department  
[REDACTED] - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Our Los Angeles Office has advised as follows:

On March 19, 1949, [REDACTED], accompanied by Little Dave Ogul, [REDACTED] and Frank Miccoli, alias Frankie Burns, all henchmen of Michael "Mickey" Cohen, administered a beating to [REDACTED] in Los Angeles. [REDACTED] allegedly recorded a conversation [REDACTED] and upon hearing of the recorded conversation is alleged to have hired Cohen, one of the most notorious racketeers on the West Coast, and his gang to beat up [REDACTED] and secure the recording tape. As the assailants left the scene of the beating they were apprehended by Los Angeles Police Department officers who carried them to the Wilshire Station of the Los Angeles Police Department. [REDACTED] of the Wilshire Station Detective Bureau, is alleged to have told the officers to tear up their notes and refrain from discussing the case. He advised them to tell anyone who might inquire that the suspects were stopped in a routine shakedown, and that after everything appeared to be in order they were released. The assailants of [REDACTED] were released without being booked and there has been no police publicity, although several blood-stained firearms and revolvers were reportedly found in their possession.

An amateur photographer took pictures of the police apprehending and shaking down the above suspects and gave the negatives to the Los Angeles Times newspaper who copied them and returned the negatives to the photographer. Later, an unidentified individual approached the photographer at his job and posing as a newspaper reporter purchased the negatives for \$20. The latter individual may be connected with Cohen. The henchmen of Cohen, named above, with the exception of [REDACTED], have disappeared and their present whereabouts are unknown.

At 2:00 A.M., March 22, 1949, the Los Angeles Police Department arrested Cohen and [REDACTED] and Cohen will allegedly be released on a \$100,000 bond after being charged with Conspiracy to commit assault with intent to murder. The Los Angeles County Grand Jury is reported to be making an inquiry.

No investigation has been conducted relative to the above and none is contemplated.

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Memo to AAG Campbell

The final edition of the Herald Express for March 22, 1949, carried an article stating that Assistant U. S. Attorney Ray Kinnison had telegraphed the Attorney General requesting authority to have the FBI step into the case on the grounds that it is a Federal offense for "any public official under color of authority to invade any person's civil rights." Information has been received that the newspaper article referred to was in error and that no such authority had been requested by the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles.

You will be advised of further pertinent developments which come to the Bureau's attention.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

MICHAEL MICKEY COHEN, INFO, CONCERNING. REBUTEL TWENTY FOURTH  
INSTANT. MICROPHONE INSTALLATION [REDACTED] BEGAN MARCH  
22, BUT COMPLETION DELAYED TEMPORARILY DUE TO LACK OF LEASED LINE  
FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR SECURITY. COMPLETION EXPECTED SOON AND  
BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DATE AND SYMBOL ASSIGNED. [REDACTED]  
STILL IN CUSTODY WITH NO BOND SET, BUT COHEN RELEASED MARCH 23  
UNDER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND. GRAND JURY MEETING TODAY  
AND ACCORDING TO PRESS SAM RUMMEL, COHEN'S ATTORNEY, EXPECTS COHEN  
WILL BE INDICTED DUE TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGN, IN WHICH GANGSTER  
ELEMENT PRINCIPAL ISSUE. PRINCIPAL FACTS CONTAINED IN MYTEL MARCH  
TWENTY SECOND CARRIED IN L.A. TIMES OF THAT DATE. THIS PAPER PUR-  
CHASED PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY AMATEUR WHICH WERE REFERRED TO L.A. PD  
FOR COMMENT AND RESULTED IN EXPOSE OF GANGSTERS SECRET RELEASE BY  
OFFICERS OF WILSHIRE DIV. [REDACTED]  
RECORD OF ELEVEN ARRESTS AND BAD REPUTATION FOR CHARGING EXORBITANT  
FEES [REDACTED] INSTANT  
GANG BEATING MAY HAVE GROWN OUT OF FACT THAT [REDACTED] RECENTLY  
MANEUVERED A WIDOW OUT OF A HOME BY FORCED SALE ON EIGHTY ONE DOLLAR  
[REDACTED] BILL AND REQUIRED WIDOW TO PAY RENT, WHICH SYMPATHETIC OFFICERS  
OF WILSHIRE DIV., L.A.P.D. ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTED TO RAISE BY DONATION.  
[REDACTED] CLAIMS CAPT. [REDACTED], L.A.P.D. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HAS LONG STANDING FEUD WITH [REDACTED] BECAUSE OF LATTERS  
ALLEGED UNETHICAL BUSINESS. [REDACTED] RECEIVED SEVERAL THREATS BY  
TELEPHONE PRIOR TO BEATING. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED BELIEF IN PRESS THAT  
POLICE OFFICERS EMPLOYED COHEN'S GOONS TO INTIMIDATE HIM BECAUSE OF  
ABOVE FEUD AND THIS HE ALLEGES IS REASON [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ORDERED GANGSTERS SECRETLY RELEASED AFTER THEIR APPRE-  
HENSION BY UNIFORMED OFFICERS. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] SUSPENDED  
AND [REDACTED] ATTEMPTING DETERMINE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
COHEN AND OFFICERS IN WILSHIRE DIV., WHICH IS ALLEGED TO HAVE RESULT-  
ED IN BEATING OF [REDACTED] CALLED L.A. OFFICE TO [REDACTED] LINE-15  
JERKING TELEPHONE FROM WALL INCIDENTAL TO ABOVE BEATING COMPRISED FED.  
VIOLATION, ADVISED IN NEGATIVE. BUREAU WILL BE APPRISED OF PERTINENT  
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MICHAEL QUOTE MICKEY UNQUOTE COHEN, INFORMATION CONCERNING: REBUTEL  
MARCH TENTH LAST AUTHORIZING MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ADVISE IMMEDIATELY DATE INSTALLATION MADE AND SYMBOL ASSIGNED.  
REFERENCE ALSO YOUR TEL MARCH TWENTYSECOND LAST ADVISING OF THE ARREST  
OF COHEN AND HENCHMEN BY LAPD IN CONNECTION WITH BEATING OF [REDACTED]  
SUTEL ADDITIONAL CLARIFYING DETAILS CONCERNING ARREST OF COHEN AND  
HENCHMEN NAMED IN YOUR TEL. ADVISE WHETHER COHEN AND [REDACTED] STILL IN CUSTODY  
AND IF RELEASED DATE AND DETAILS THEREOF. FURNISH SOURCE OF INFORMATION  
IN YOUR TEL OF MARCH TWENTYSECOND.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, 13, California

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March 29th

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Director, FBI

Re: MICHAEL COHEN,  
Information Concerning,  
Racketeering Activities

Dear Sir:

Microphone surveillance authorized by Bureau letter March 10th, 1949, completed on March 28th, 1949 at 3:23 p.m. (a)

Surveillance is established

[REDACTED]

Symbol  
[REDACTED] INET  
Security assured.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD,  
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Assistant Attorney General  
Alexander M. Campbell, Criminal Division  
Director, FBI

April 13, 1949

CAPTAIN [REDACTED]  
Los Angeles Police Department  
[REDACTED] - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

*Mickey Cohen*

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Reference is made to the Bureau's memorandum dated March 25, 1949, in the above matter.

The Los Angeles office has advised that while Michael Cohen was released on March 23, 1949, on a \$100,000.00 bond, his associate, [REDACTED] remained in custody with no bond being set. It was reported that a local Grand Jury, which convened on March 25, 1949, would probably consider this matter. The Los Angeles press reported that Sam Runnel, Cohen's attorney, expected Cohen to be indicted due to the fact that gang activities are a principal issue in the local political campaign. As yet, no information has been received as to subsequent action against Cohen, however, the Los Angeles Division is following this matter in the local press.

The Los Angeles Division has further advised that [REDACTED] has a record of 11 arrests and a bad reputation for charging exorbitant fees.

It is reported that the beating suffered by [REDACTED] may have grown out of recent publicity which was carried by the press wire services to the effect that [REDACTED] had recently maneuvered a widow out of a home which she owned but was forced to sell because of an \$81.00 [REDACTED] bill which she owed him. [REDACTED] promptly purchased this home himself and required the woman to pay rent which sympathetic officers of the Wilshire Division, Los Angeles Police Department, repeatedly attempted to raise by donation.

[REDACTED] maintains that Captain [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Police Department, [REDACTED] has a long standing feud with [REDACTED] because of [REDACTED] alleged unethical business practices. [REDACTED] has expressed the belief to the press that police officers employed Cohen's "goons" to intimidate him because of [REDACTED] feeling toward him, and that because of this feud [REDACTED] Wilshire Division, Los Angeles Police Department, ordered his assailants secretly released after their apprehension by uniformed officers. It is reported that [REDACTED] received several threats by telephone prior to the beating. No information as to the source of these threats is available but it appears possible that they could have resulted from the newspaper treatment of [REDACTED] story regarding [REDACTED] dealings with the above mentioned widow.

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[REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office of this Bureau to inquire if jerking a telephone from the wall during the time [REDACTED] was assaulted comprised a Federal offense. He was advised in the negative.

It is further reported in the Los Angeles press that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the Wilshire Division, Los Angeles Police Department, have been suspended and that [REDACTED] attempted to determine the relationship between Michael Cohen and officers in the Wilshire Division. No action is contemplated with regard to this alleged civil rights violation. You will be advised of any further pertinent developments which come to this Bureau's attention.

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# SEEK COHEN POLITICAL LINK IN POLICE HUSHUP SCANDAL

## U. S. Calls Budenz to Stand in Red Trial

### Golden Gate Selections

By JIM MITCHELL

For Wednesday, March 23  
Post 1:30 a'clock. (Track now  
slowly) selections made for a fast track, appear  
in order of the handicapper's preference.  
FIRST RACE—Four furlongs, maidens.  
5-year-olds, colts and geldings, purse  
\$1000.  
F. P. Horse, Jockey—  
Steady One (Horn) ..... 118  
Buck (Morano) ..... 115  
The Rensselaer (Gibson) ..... 112  
Perfume Sweet (Wright) ..... 110  
Dist. Attorney (P. Zetelli) ..... 108

SIXTH—Six furlongs, claiming, 6-year-  
olds and up, purse \$1000.  
F. P. Horse, Jockey—  
Gold Fan (Leonard) ..... 118  
Castle Oak (Summers) ..... 115  
Endeavour (Horne) ..... 112  
Gala Sister (Cardelli) ..... 110  
Superman (Gibson) ..... 108  
Jolly Jambuck (Wright) ..... 105  
Kahab (Westrop) ..... 102  
Sole of Stars (Voths) ..... 100  
Hal Fair (G. Zetelli) ..... 98  
Gala Fan (Leonard) ..... 95  
Missedna (K. Smith) ..... 92  
Lamont (Cardelli) ..... 90  
GOLD FAN has the speed here and  
should last. CASTLE OAK looks good for  
second last. CATTLE OAK looks strong. Con-  
sideration will close strongly. Con-  
sideration will close here.

### Hear 1st Testimony In Case

By Associated Press  
NEW YORK, March 23.—  
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### Hearing Of Boss Is Set

Political connections of Boss  
Gambler Mickey Cohen were  
under scrutiny today as the  
Grand Jury prepared to go  
into the case of his  
political connections. Cohen was  
accused of having been  
viciously  
test up. radio store owner in

narrowly escaped during a hectic day in which the House first voted in effect to kill the bill and then reversed itself.

The House turned thumbs down on the bill on a teller vote of 163 to 154, but then reversed itself on two formal roll call tallies of 223-187 and 291 to 120.

On the teller vote, no names were recorded.

After reversing itself, the House then proceeded by voice vote to eliminate "blue discharge" veterans from the bill's benefits. These are servicemen who received "other than dishonorable" discharges, including conscientious objectors and others who were let go because they were deemed incapable of performing their duty adequately.

Pensions would be limited to honorably discharged veterans who served for at least 90 days or who were discharged before that for service-connected disabilities.

## Nation's Weather

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Chicago .....	55	32	.30
Cincinnati .....	61	40	.38
Cleveland .....	58	37	.12
Denver .....	60	32	..
Detroit .....	58	34	.32
Kansas City .....	47	36	..
Las Vegas .....	68	43	..
New York .....	60	49	.10
Phoenix .....	77	47	..
Pittsburgh .....	61	43	.25
San Francisco .....	53	44	.40
Seattle .....	54	33	..
Washington .....	67	54	1.29

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Representative Edith Nourse Rogers, 68-year-old congresswoman from Massachusetts, today branded as "ridiculous" a former California model's claim that the lady lawmaker broke up her marriage to a navy captain.

The gray-haired, matronly congresswoman, a widow, said she was frankly puzzled by Mrs. Ellene Diana Latta-Lawrence's statements about her in a separate maintenance suit filed in District Court here late yesterday. The suit was directed against Capt. Harold A. Latta-Lawrence who is attached to the office of the chief of naval operations in Washington.

"It's ridiculous," said Mrs. Rogers. "It's ridiculous that I could have any influence on him. I attended their wedding. I gave them many presents. Of course it's absurd."

### FORMER SECRETARY

She said she knew Latta-Lawrence, her former congressional secretary, and his young wife "quite well." She declined to comment further until she has a chance to study the court papers filed by Mrs. Latta-Lawrence, a shapely blue-eyed blonde from Los Angeles.

The naval officer was not available for comment.

In her suit, Mrs. Latta-Lawrence did not ask for a divorce. She merely requested that the court order her 48-year-old husband to provide separate maintenance and an accounting of their joint property.

She told the court that she

son behind her husband's "cruel and abusive treatment" of her during their short married life. Since the April 22, 1948, wedding, she said, her husband's feelings toward her waxed warm or cool, depending upon Mrs. Rogers' proximity.

The marriage itself, she said, took place only after "considerable uncertainty because Mrs. Rogers frowned on the match."

### BLAMES MRS. ROGERS

The suit asked the court to grant Mrs. Latta-Lawrence not less than \$300 a month in separate maintenance. It also demanded an accounting of the officer's financial resources.

She said she tried hard to live up to her marriage contract but her husband's "cruel and abusive treatment" finally forced their separation. In almost every instance, she said, he traced his attitude back to Mrs. Rogers.

He would not even let her live in Washington because it might hurt his naval career and would be "a cause of great misery and suffering to Congresswoman Rogers," she alleged.

Mrs. Rogers was elected to Congress June 30, 1925, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, John Jacob Rogers. She has served continuously since then and is ranking Republican member of the House Veterans' Committee.

A woman who answered the telephone at Mrs. Latta-Lawrence's hotel described herself as her secretary. She said Mrs. Latta-Lawrence was "about 23" and that her husband was "about

2. The National Security sources Board has advised U. S. State Department that \$2,000,000,000 in first-year lend-lease spending would not dangerously deplete American resources or require new economic controls.

3. Diplomatic officials are ready to ask Congress for "at least" a four-year program to build up the military strength of free nations with American arms.

## Holdups

### Nab Five in Series of Glendale Robberies

A series of holdups of Glendale liquor stores during the past few weeks was believed solved today with the arrest by police of five persons, two of them 16-year-old youths.

The arrests came swiftly after the robbery of Liquor Store Manager Richard Brown, 30, of 6332 San Fernando road, Glendale, by a group making off with \$71 in cash and two bottles of whiskey.

Three of those arrested on suspicion of robbery by Radio Officers William Herriott and Kenneth Hesse, who acted on a description of the getaway car supplied by Brown, were Charles McGranahan, 23, an A. W. O. L. sailor from Treasure Island; Walter Kenneth Barney, 20, of 237 South Beachwood avenue, Burbank, and Donald Lee Dean, 23, of 405 West Doran street, Apt. 3, Glendale.

Names of the juveniles taken



**MICKEY COHEN RELEASED FROM COUNTY JAIL ON \$100,000 BAIL**  
 nbling Czar Center of L. A. Police Scandal; Shown Behind Cohen Is His 'Aide,'  
 Solly Davis

...with police.  
 The big "Why?" was the question rocking Los Angeles officialdom from the mayor's office to the policeman on the beat.

Minutes after the beating of Alfred M. Pearson, 53, in his store at 5120 West Adams boulevard, the seven assault suspects were in custody of radio police. But only briefly.

Taken to Wilshire Police Station, they were promptly released on order of Detective Lieut. Jack Swan, who ordered their guns and other weapons returned to them.

**HUSH-UP ACTION**

This "hush-up" action resulted yesterday in the suspension of Lieutenant Swan and Detective Sergeant Winfield Scott Wolfe. They face trial for their jobs at a Police Board of Rights Tuesday at 10 a. m. in the City Hall.

Cohen, jailed along with an associate, Davis, on a booking of conspiracy to commit murder in the attack on Pearson, was released today on \$100,000 bail by Superior Judge Charles Fricke on a writ of habeas corpus.

The bail bond premium was reported to have cost the dapper underworld czar a cool \$5000. He left the county jail last night at 9 o'clock and immediately closeted himself with associates at his Santa Monica room.

Davis remained in jail. Hearing on Cohen's writ (at which time charges must be filed or the bond exonerated) was set before Judge Fricke for 2 p. m. tomorrow.

**LITTLE TO SAY**

Cohen, the affable recognized head of the Los Angeles mobster element here, had little to say when he got out of jail.

"They said they're looking for some of my 'boys,'" Mickey volunteered. "Well, I don't have any 'boys' anymore. I'm in business, several businesses,

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# Police Scandal

## Hearing of Cohen Set for Tomorrow

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and these fellows are my em-  
ployees.

"I told the cops when they  
picked me up that I could turn  
them up in an hour or so if  
they'd leave me alone. Now I  
don't know what I can do."

Police said they are looking  
for Jimmy Rist, Frank Niccoli,  
Dave Ogul, Eli Lubin and Louis  
Schwartz, all known to be pals  
of Cohen, and two other men, for  
the Pearson beating.

Identification of the suspects  
was made through photographs  
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Pearson in the past week

received considerable public

when it was brought out he

obtained, through legal pro

the \$4000 home of a 56-year

widow, Mrs. Elsie Phillips.

nonpayment of an \$8 repair

He bought the property at a

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Swan said he "really

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Los Angeles police depart-

We have asked that all avail-

able evidence be delivered to us

and we will request the Grand

Jury to make a full and complete

investigation.

We intend that no one will be

spared and that the chips will

fall where they may.

He assigned Deputy District

Attorney John Barnes and in-

vestigator Leo Stanley to take

charge of the inquiry.

Pearson, the beating victim,

was mobbed in his radio store

on July 10.

The judgment was obtained af-

ter she refused to pay an \$8 re-

pair bill as "excessive."

However, police records dis-

closed that Pearson's daughter-

in-law, Hazel A. Pearson, was

arrested on suspicion of book-

keeping at the radio repair shop,

200 West Adams boulevard, in

Los Angeles. She was later released for

lack of evidence.

Cohen said he had "never

heard of Pearson or his daughter."

"The whole thing is a com-

plete surprise to me," he con-

cluded. "This is the political

game, and they're just mak-

wasn't at the station but was notified by telephone that seven men had been picked up at Pearson's place," Swan explained.

#### HAD PHONE CALL

"Earlier I had been called by someone who asked if I would be too interested in a group of men picketing the Pearson store over the house deal. I said no, not if they didn't interfere with anyone.

"When told of the arrests, I jumped too quickly to conclusions, and thought that they were the pickets. Those picket cases stay in the courts for months and years, and I didn't know anyone had been hurt. That's why I said to turn them loose."

Sgt. Wolfe, however, was accused by brother officers of saying:

"Tear up your notes and don't talk about the case. It's too big for any of us."

The seven men were armed with two pistols, tire irons and a riding whip. Their expensive car bore stolen license plates.

Their release stirred up a police scandal that prompted Chief C. B. Horrall to start a sweeping inquiry into all aspects of the case. He was assisted by Joseph Reed, assistant chief, in questioning everyone connected with the case.

Chief Horrall promptly convened a special police board of inquiry which suspended Lieutenant Swan, commanding Wil and Sergeant Wolfe.

Other officers testified that Lieutenant Swan ordered the release of the seven Cohen hangers-on seen fleeing from the scene of the beating at the radio shop.

Sergeant Wolfe is accused of telling the arresting officers to "tear up their notes."

Pearson long had carried on a feud with the police department and it was hinted the beating might have been ordered by Cohen as a favor to certain police officials to get Pearson "out of the department's hair."

#### 'AINT NO ROBIN HOOD'

But the bookie czar denied this, coming out of the corner of his mouth.

"Ain't no Robin Hood."

After a conference with Mayor Bowron, District Attorney William E. Simpson declared:

"I have been requested by Mayor Bowron to investigate all of the circumstances connected with the arrest of the assailants of Pearson and their subsequent release under orders of an offi-

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 5, 1949

The attached was sent to the  
Director by Walter Winchell.  
The handwritten notation  
thereon reads:

"Hoover"

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ENCLOSURE

Dear Walter Winchell:

The real lowdown on the current Mickey Cohen

is this:

[REDACTED], who was beat up, is the guy

He did it for Bugsy and

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continued doing it for the Cohen faction. Recently

he got out of hand -- shot his prices up sky high and

did some loud talking besides

Sincerely,

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MICKEY COHEN, ETAL, INFO CONCERNING.

LASO, TODAY ADVISED HE RECEIVED CALL FROM [REDACTED] PHOENIX, ADVISING THAT FOUR OF COHENS LIEUTENANTS RECENTLY INDICTED BY LA COUNTY GRAND JURY FOR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ROBBERY AND OBSTRUCT JUSTICE IN CONNECTION WITH BEATING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SEVERAL WEEKS AGO WERE BELIEVED LOCATED AT [REDACTED] ORACLE JUNCTION, ARIZONA. THIS LOCATION OUTSIDE [REDACTED] JURISDICTION.

[REDACTED] ADVISED SHERIFFS OFFICES AT FLORENCE AND YUMA, ARIZ., BELIEVED UNRELIABLE TO CONTACT FOR ASSISTANCE. [REDACTED] RECOMMENDED SEEKING

FBI ASSISTANCE TO APPREHEND THESE INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED], FRANK NICCOLI, DAVE OGUL, AND NED HERBERT. ALL KNOWN COHEN MOBSTERS. [REDACTED] REQUESTED ASSISTANCE UNDER UFAP.

AUSA LA ADVISED CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ROBBERY WOULD NOT BE COVERED BY UFAP STATUTE ALTHOUGH NOT ADVISED OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED.

[REDACTED] WAS ADVISED NO FBI JURISDICTION AND WILL ENDEAVOR TO HANDLE LOCALLY THROUGH DEPUTY PRESENTLY IN TUCSON. NO FURTHER ACTION CONTEMPLATED.

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Ed. Mr. Rosen

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City

SUBJECT: MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN  
MISC. INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: May 11, 1949

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Director, FBI

Re: **MICHAEL COHEN**  
**INFORMATION CONCERNING**  
**RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES**

Dear Sir:

As indicated in my letter dated March 29, 1949, informant, bearing symbol [REDACTED] became effective March 28, 1949, and has furnished the following information, which is submitted as a justification for the continuation of this informant. *b2*

[REDACTED], COHEN henchman [REDACTED] left for Mexico immediately after his release from the Los Angeles County Jail, March 28, 1949. *b7c*

COHEN has recently placed another individual [REDACTED] whose name is FRANK (believed to be FRANK NICCOLO), who works with COHEN at Michael's Haberdashery.

On May 6, 1949, FRANK stated to [REDACTED] "You know, MICKEY's up to something." [REDACTED] replied, "Yeah, but that ain't nothing to be talking about." They immediately changed the subject. It is believed that the presence of [REDACTED] has temporarily prevented the COHEN group from using [REDACTED] as they did previously. It is doubtful, however, that [REDACTED] will stay much longer inasmuch as she has already indicated to friends that she is making contacts to go to Mexico to work in a night club or return to the east. *b7c*

On May 6, 1949, after a quarrel with [REDACTED] informant reports that [REDACTED] told FRANK, [REDACTED] came to me and said he wanted to fire that girl, but he wanted to have a good reason. Well, she came up here

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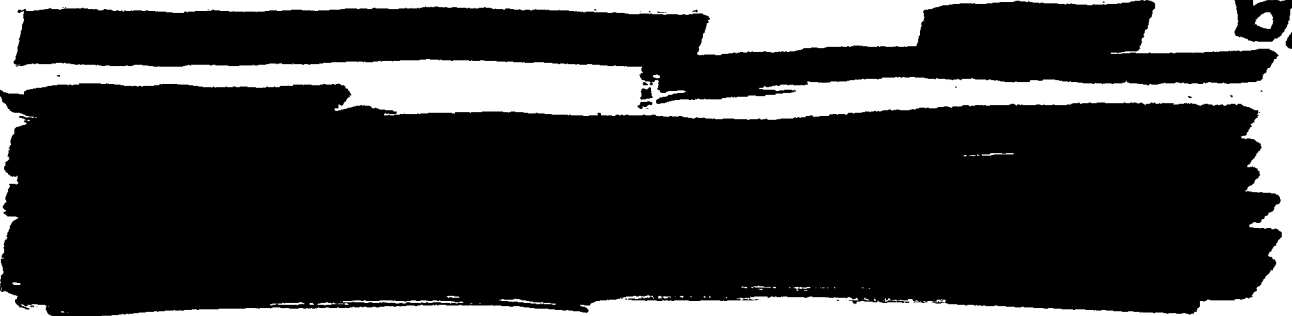
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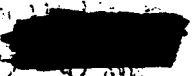
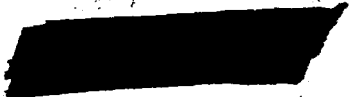


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"a couple of times and I told her what she was. She tried to get me to let her come to live with me but I told her no. I called MICKEY and he said she should be fired - and then right away I get a name of rat. I told her she needed a good kick in the belly." From this conversation it would appear that COHEN was displeased with [REDACTED] for becoming involved with [REDACTED] b7C

On the same date, informant heard [REDACTED] addressing some unknown person on the telephone with reference to [REDACTED] "I should have got a present from those guys (apparently members of the COHEN gang). They should have chipped in and gotten me a present - I can stop a bullet too. I can get twenty years too....it's the man behind the gun, [REDACTED] not the gun. We're going through with this in the morning." A moment later, referring to COHEN, he said, "In twenty years he'll be the same.... During the war he made thirty G's on nylons."

The normal criminal operations of the COHEN organization have been temporarily interrupted during the past six weeks because of the indictment of COHEN and seven of his gang for their assault on [REDACTED] referred to in my teletype of March 25, 1949. One of the indicted gang members, [REDACTED] has also been on trial during the past two weeks for an offense which occurred in January of this year when [REDACTED] was arrested with COHEN and found to be carrying a gun. This trial is presently in progress and has turned out to be a pitched legal battle between COHEN's attorneys and the Los Angeles Police Department. [REDACTED] is referred to in the press as the "forgotten man" because the trial is centered primarily around COHEN. b7C

Police informants state that it will be very difficult to make the case against COHEN and the presumption is that he will be back in business again very shortly. It is believed the use of instant informant will be of definite value in determining the ramifications of any activities coming within the purview of the Bureau's jurisdiction and it is therefore recommended that the use and availability of this informant be continued.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Hood*

R. B. HOOD, SAC

SAC, Los Angeles

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June 3, 1949

Director, FBI

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

MICHAEL COHEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES

Reurlet May 16, 1949.

Satisfactory to continue informant mentioned in urlet for additional thirty day period. At the expiration of that time the Bureau should be advised of the productivity of the informant together with your recommendation as to further continuance.

Any information of immediate interest obtained from this informant should of course be promptly furnished to the Bureau by separate communication.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Los Angeles  
 SUBJECT: MICHAEL COHEN  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING  
 RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES

DATE: May 27, 1949.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The following is a two weeks' summary of the activities of [REDACTED] as furnished by the informant bearing symbol [REDACTED]

Up to the present time the informant has reported there has been no activity in [REDACTED] occupied by [REDACTED] because of the continued presence of [REDACTED]

The informant reported numerous fights and break-ups between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mostly because of [REDACTED] fear of [REDACTED] association with a girl [REDACTED] by the name of [REDACTED]. The informant has advised that [REDACTED] has forbidden [REDACTED] to associate with [REDACTED] because of [REDACTED] acquaintances and friends in the Sheriff's Office (referring to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office). [REDACTED] has repeatedly stated that he is afraid of [REDACTED] and that she will tell the "Sheriff's men something". The informant advised that there are no new developments concerning [REDACTED] proposed trips to Mexico or the east coast and that apparently she will remain with [REDACTED]

In view of the above, it is believed that the meetings previously held in the apartment by MICKEY COHEN and other members of his gang have not taken place [REDACTED]. The informant has advised that [REDACTED] has been very short financially and that MICKEY has been unable to give him much money because of the fact that MICKEY has had to take care of the families of the other members of his gang while they were in the County Jail.

Although this informant has not reported any valuable information up to the present time, it is believed that an effort should be made to continue the use of this informant for a short period of time to determine whether the activities, as reported in the past, will commence again insofar as the use of this [REDACTED] is concerned.

It will be noted that due to the present trial of [REDACTED] that the activities of the COHEN gang have been held to a minimum and particularly so inasmuch as the [REDACTED] election for the City of Los Angeles will take place on May 21, 1949. After this election, which is between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of Los Angeles, it is believed the activities of the COHEN gang will no doubt increase. It is rumored that the COHEN gang are backing [REDACTED] and that the entire underworld and hoodlum gambling interests are also backing [REDACTED] apparently

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in the expectation that [REDACTED] will permit a more "open city" than has  
heretofore been permitted [REDACTED]

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TITLE <b>MICHAEL COHEN, wa. Mickey Cohen</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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Telephones Plaza 5-0075 and Circle 5-9071 are residence and business telephones of JOE GLASER, President of Associated Booking Corporation, NYC, booking agent for orchestras. Telephones [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are residence and business telephones of [REDACTED] racketeer in NYC. Telephone Longacre 5-1832 is former business telephone of [REDACTED], hat manufacturer in NYC.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letters from Los Angeles to New York, 9/28/48, 10/13/48, and 11/16/48.

**DETAILS:**

The reference letters requested that background information be secured concerning various individuals to whom numerous telephone numbers were listed.

Through Confidential Informant [REDACTED] it was ascertained telephone Plaza 5-0075 is listed to the Associated Booking Corporation, 745 5th Avenue, New York City. This a non-published number. The informant's records showed the following officers for this company: President - JOE GLASER, 110 West 55th Street, New York City: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Banks with which this corporation does business were listed as the Manufacturers Trust Company and the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York City.

The following information was obtained from Confidential Informant [REDACTED]. The Associated Booking Corporation was chartered under New York laws on November 26, 1943, with 50 shares of Class A common stock without par value and 50 shares of Class B common stock without par value. This corporation

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is located in room 2001 at 745 5th Avenue, New York City. JOE GLASER, the President, is fifty-one years of age, married, and native-born. He has been connected with the booking agent line for many years, having last been with the Music Corporation of America as an executive in their New York Office prior to his present position.

[REDACTED] This corporation is the booking agent for a number of top-name orchestras, engagements for which the corporation receives the usual agency fees. The corporation has as clients [REDACTED] LOUIS ARMSTRONG, BILLIE HOLLIDAY, [REDACTED] and two hundred other big-name bands and entertainers. A branch was opened at 54 West Randolph Street, Room 404, Chicago, Illinois, on February 15, 1946. Another branch is maintained at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California.

Through Confidential Informant [REDACTED] it was ascertained that telephone CIRCLE 5-9071 is listed to JOE GLASER, 110 West 55th Street, New York City. Informant's records showed GLASER to be self-employed as a theatrical producer at 1270 6th Avenue, New York City. The bank with which GLASER does business was shown as the Chemical National Bank, New York City.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, New York City, reflected that as of December 22, 1942, GLASER, who had formerly lived at the Park Central Hotel, New York City, and 902 Benedict Drive, Beverly Hills, California, was President of JOE GLASER, Incorporated, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, Theater Bookers.

The files of the New York Office contain no information as to JOE GLASER.

Through Confidential Informant [REDACTED] it was ascertained telephone CHelsea 2-0400 is listed to the Oak Valley Farms, Incorporated, 425 West 17th Street, New York City. An additional listing for this telephone is the West 17th Street Poultry Company, Incorporated, at the same address.

The records of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] contain the following information:

[REDACTED] The corporation was chartered under New York laws on June 17, 1944, with an authorized capital

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of \$20,000, all common stock [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] this corporation is engaged in wholesaling poultry products, which are sold to meat dealers throughout the metropolitan area of New York City. b7C b7D

The Oak Valley Farms, Incorporated was chartered under New York laws in 1940, with authorized capital of \$20,000. The principals of interest were formerly reported to have been [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], but on February 28, 1946 one [REDACTED] claimed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] sold their interests to others in December, 1945. However, he declined to reveal the names of the persons now in control of this company. This is probably [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] While informant received the opinion from outside sources that these two companies are closely affiliated, [REDACTED] declined to furnish information regarding the activities of these corporations. A branch of the Oak Valley Farms, Incorporated, is maintained at 735 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The Oak Valley Farms, Incorporated, is reported to operate a number of retail poultry and meat stores through New York City.

The records of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] show telephone [REDACTED] is listed to [REDACTED] New York. This is a special non-published number. According to these records, [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] b2 b7C b7D

The files of the New York Office reflect [REDACTED] is an old-time [REDACTED] racketeer in New York City. In September, 1938 he was serving a four to ten year sentence in New York State Prison after having pleaded guilty to embezzling funds [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] NEDDIE HERBERT, is listed in the files of the New York Office as an ex-killer for BENJAMIN "BUGS" SEITZEL. [REDACTED]

The records of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] indicate telephone Longacre 5-1832 was changed on November 30, 1947 to Longacre 4-2830, which is listed to Jay Lord, Hatters, 48 West Thirty-eighth Street, New York City. Additional listings for this telephone were shown as Jayne Thomas, Incorporated, and [REDACTED] Hats; and Jay Lord Manufacturing Company, Incorporated was formerly shown as a listing for this number. [REDACTED] address was reflected as [REDACTED] A branch office of Jay Lord, Hatters, was shown as being located in Norwalk, Connecticut. b2 b7C b7D

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The records of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] contain the following information:

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The Jay Lord Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, manufacturers of men's hats, 48-54 West 38th Street, New York City, was incorporated under New York laws on October 13, 1938, with an authorized capital stock of \$20,000.

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[REDACTED] organized the Jay Lord Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, to take over the manufacturing end of the business. Shortly thereafter, the corporation took over the store and a branch at 1523 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, which was eventually separately incorporated as the Jay Ell Hatters Company, Incorporated, on December 27, 1938.

[REDACTED] Wald Hatters, Incorporated, 48-54 West 38th Street, New York City, which was chartered under New York laws on August 14, 1939 with an authorized capital of \$20,000. That concern retails men's hats at 108-12 West 38th Street, New York City, but maintains its headquarters at 48-54 West 38th Street, New York City.

[REDACTED] Jayne Thomas, Incorporated, which was chartered under New York laws in 1942. That concern is engaged in the manufacture of women's hats at 48-54 West 38th Street, New York City.

[REDACTED] Jay Hatters, Incorporated, which was chartered under New York laws in September, 1941, with an authorized capital consisting of one hundred shares of no par value common stock. That concern operates a store at 132 East Fordham Road, New York City, but maintains its headquarters at 48-54 West 38th Street.

[REDACTED] Jay Lord, White Plains, Incorporated, a New York corporation chartered May 16, 1946 under New York laws, with an authorized capital of two hundred shares of no par value common stock. That concern maintains a store at 173 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York, retailing a general line of men's furnishings and haberdashery. The concern maintains its headquarters at 48-54 West 38th Street, New York City.

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[REDACTED] It is reported the [REDACTED] b7C

The files of the New York Office reflect an anonymous letter, dated January 3, 1946, was received, reading as follows: "I take reference to your case against [REDACTED] charged with stealing \$123,000 of Government goods, as reported in the New York papers on December 19th. You may be interested to know that one [REDACTED] b7C

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will secure background information on individuals mentioned in reference letters dated October 13, 1948 and November 16, 1948.

At Poughkeepsie, New York

Will secure background information on individuals mentioned in reference letter dated November 16, 1948.

At New Rochelle, New York

Will secure background information on individuals mentioned in reference letter dated November 16, 1948.

At Garden City, New York

Will secure background information on individuals mentioned in reference letter dated November 16, 1948.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: June 21, 1949

SUBJECT: MICHAEL COHEN, wa.  
Mickey Cohen  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at New York dated  
June 17, 1949 in the above entitled matter. b7c

For the information of the Bureau, this is a research matter and letters were directed to New York to ascertain identity of some telephone subscribers for the benefit of a crime survey program in this area. It is not felt necessary that reports should be submitted the New York Office in this matter. However, the Bureau will be advised of any pertinent facts concerning this individual if such should be developed.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD  
 FROM : MR. ROSEN *JR*

DATE: July 20, 1949

Call: 1:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
 AMBUSH AND SHOOTING OF MICKEY COHEN,  
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, JULY 20, 1949

Mr. Tolson ✓  
 Mr. Clegg ✓  
 Mr. Glavin ✓  
 Mr. Ladd ✓  
 Mr. Nichols ✓  
 Mr. Rosen ✓  
 Mr. Tracy ✓  
 Mr. Egan ✓  
 Mr. Gurnea ✓  
 Mr. Harbo ✓  
 Mr. Mohr ✓  
 Mr. Pennington ✓  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
 Tele. Room ✓  
 Mr. Nease ✓  
 Miss Holmes ✓  
 Miss Gandy ✓

SAC Hood, Los Angeles, advised that two or more subjects ambushed and shot at Mickey Cohen and party as they left Barney Ruditzsky's night club some time between 2:30 a.m. and 4 a.m. this morning, July 20, 1949. Mr. Hood stated that the shooting is being given considerable publicity by the Los Angeles radio and press and the exact time of the shooting has been reported as being anywhere between 2:30 a.m. and 4 a.m. *b7c*

The facts developed reflect that Mickey Cohen, [redacted] notorious gangster, and two women, Florabelle Muir, a columnist for the Mirror, and [redacted] and [redacted] a Special Agent working out of the office of State Attorney General Howser, were fired upon by two or more unidentified persons located in a vacant lot across the street from Barney Ruditzsky's night club (ex-New York police officer), as Cohen and party left the club this morning. Mickey Cohen was shot in the arm or shoulder and is not in serious condition. [redacted] was shot in the posterior. [redacted] and [redacted] are reportedly in very serious condition as the result of the wounds received by them. Florabelle Muir was uninjured, although it is reported that a bullet went through her clothing. It appears that twelve shots were fired from two shot guns, each of the shells being loaded with a slug rather than a shot. *y*

Mr. Hood stated that it was not known if the two women were in Mickey Cohen's party or whether they were merely leaving the restaurant at the same time. He advised that he had received information that the Sheriff's Office had been "shaking down" Mickey Cohen every day but that yesterday the Sheriff was advised that Attorney General Howser was assigning a bodyguard from his office, SA [redacted], continuously to Mickey Cohen and Howser had requested that the Sheriff's Office "lay off" Cohen for the time being. Mr. Hood pointed out that it will be particularly embarrassing to Attorney General Howser in the press inasmuch as Cohen was shot the first day Howser's man was assigned to guard him. *b7c*

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 story in full.*

cc: DRF

cc: Mr. Nichols

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# EYEWITNESS

## Wounded Mirror Writer Tells of Strip Shamble

Editor's note: The following is an eye witness account by Mirror columnist Florabel Muir, who was coming down the stairs to the street outside Sherry's when the gangland shooting took place. She was grazed by one of the shots fired in the melee.

By FLORABEL MUIR

If I hadn't stopped to buy a newspaper last night I would more than likely be lying in a hospital today with the rest of the victims of the "mad dog" gunmen who fired seven shotgun blasts across Sunset Blvd. at Mickey Cohen and his henchmen as they were about to get in their cars in front of Sherry's restaurant on the Strip.

I started toward the sidewalk when I heard the first crack of a shotgun.

Then I realized it was a real slug coming toward me.

I felt a sharp pain in my arm when a shot hit me and crashed through the glass door of the restaurant.

That shot was the only one that hit me.

It drew only a little blood, left me aching but not bleeding. I picked up the paper that hit me and this is what I read:

She wanted to know for some reason why wasn't mentioned in the newspaper about the shooting of me and I wanted to know what had happened.

I ran down the stairs and found the man who had shot me.

I saw him running away from me.

I heard him say "I'm sorry."

For me, Frankie Burrin.

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Niccoli swung his car around, then headed east on Sunset.

Apparently he thought that the bullets had come from an automobile speeding by and he chased it for a few

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Johnny Valentine carried the David girl into the restaurant. She was moaning and in great pain but took it very bravely.

I talked to Neddie lying on the sidewalk and he told me his legs were paralyzed. He was moaning and crying out in great pain.

Every time an ambulance whizzed by, we all ducked behind Mickey Cohen's Buick Wildcat, which stood in front of our booth.

One of the shots went through the car window and missed attendant's head by inches.

1 stopped by for a cup of coffee  
2 after attending a party at  
3 the home of Gertrude Mieser, who  
4 was celebrating her sixth wedding  
5 anniversary.

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In discussing the problem, it was determined that the problem was a drain clogged and was solved.

...being to kill him  
and said he would kill  
him.

He took her shopping and took her to her mother's home and told her what had happened.

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# FLORABEL MUIR

## Reporting

For weeks now police and sheriff's deputies have been shaking down Mickey Cohen and his henchmen and from what happened last night it looks like they've been shaking down the wrong guys.

Apparently there are mad dogs with guns running the streets of our community with no regard for law or lives of innocent bystanders.

It is only a miracle that many people who were going in and out of Sherry's restaurant in the county strip, and who have nothing to do with gang wars, aren't lying in their coffins today.



If these insane would-be murderers aren't caught up with pronto, our old town is going to be in for plenty of trouble.

Apparently they don't care whom they shoot as long as they get Mickey Cohen.

This is reminiscent of a reign of terror in New York when Vincent (Mad Dog) Coll was so intent on killing Owney Madden he didn't care whom else he got.

Several children were killed and wounded on a crowded street one afternoon while "Mad Dog" Coll went about his murderous business.

In the volley of shots that spread across Sunset Blvd. Harry Cooper, an investigator of the Attorney General's office, got it.

A girl standing on the sidewalk in front of the restaurant was shot in the back.

Automobiles along the street were riddled with bullets. Parking lot attendants going about their job were in the line of fire.

If thugs like these who are trying to take over the underworld from Mickey Cohen are allowed to gain a foothold in this county, it will be a sorry day for all of us.

Let us hope every law enforcement officer available will be out quitting them down today.



MADDEN

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THE MIRROR  
LOS ANGELES  
July 20, 1949

Gangland guns, aimed at Mickey Cohen, underworld pin, left three persons near death today.

Cohen, prime target of the assassination attempt, in strange irony, was reported able to be up and about a few days with a shoulder wound as the only one injured in the attack.

# Cohen, Three Others Shot In Gang War

In critical condition, one of the Angelenos shot in the attack today was Harry Howser, 35, a former actor, who was shot in the chest and back.

Miss Lee Davidson, 35, an actress, of 1645 N. Hollywood Ave., perforated intestines and torn kidney.

Neddie Herbert, 35, Cohen's server, spine and paralyzed from the waist down.

The attempted four-kill murder took place in front of Sherry's restaurant on the Sunset Strip at 3:55 a.m., less than 24 hours after Howser had assigned Cohen a bodyguard to protect him from eastern gangsters.

Two 20-gauge shotguns were found near the scene. They apparently had been tossed from the getaway car.

Death also was feared for Florabel Muir, columnist for The Mirror. A bullet grazed her hip.

Neddie Herbert, one of those wounded today, was one of Cohen's chief lieutenants. He escaped unharmed only a month ago when gunmen fired 11 bullets at him as he entered his apartment.

Warfare Chief

The shooting climaxed weeks of more or less trustful underworld warfare ending with Cohen's death reportedly being attempted at least five times.

Recently The Mirror carried an exclusive story on Cohen being fired at by two hoodlums as he drove home on San Vicente Blvd. Cohen denied the story publicly but admitted its truth to intimates.

Only yesterday when Alvin Karpis announced he was taking Cohen as guard and bodyguard.

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law enforcement agencies "not to roust him right now." Spring street odds were reported nine-to-one that the gambler "would not last through July."

Underworld gossip is the outburst of gang violence results from the decision of a midwest mob with Italian Mafia connection to move in on Los Angeles rackets.

Herbert predicted continued warfare to a Mirror reporter after the shooting, saying, "If Mickey makes it (gets well) he's going to go to work with a minnister."

Condition of all four shot was reported critical.

Cohen and Cooper underwent surgery at Hollywood Receiving hospital. Cohen was reported to have a slug in his right shoulder near his lung. Cooper had three abdomen wounds.

#### Herbert Paralyzed

Herbert and Miss David were taken to Citizen's Emergency hospital, 7531 Santa Monica Blvd. Herbert was struck by a slug near the heart, the bullet ranging through him to the spine and paralyzing both legs.

Miss David was hit by four bullets near the base of the spine, the slugs continuing on to perforate her intestines.

All four victims were later transferred to Queen of the Angels hospital where a heavy police guard was assigned to their rooms.

#### Typical Evening

The shooting came at the end of a typical Cohen evening. Along with Cooper, his bodyguard, and a party of his lieutenants, Mickey spent several hours at the Continental cafe on Santa Monica Blvd. which he owns.

The party left there and arrived at Sherry's restaurant, owned by Barney Ruditsky, ex-New York cop, about 2 a.m.

Shortly before closing time at 4 a.m. they started to leave.

In the group standing outside the restaurant were Cohen, Cooper, Miss David, Herbert, Ruditsky, Cohen aide Johnny Stompanato, Miss Muir and a couple of parking lot attendants.

#### Scene Guarded

There were perhaps a dozen witnesses standing around the restaurant from the vicinity of

a billboard in a vacant lot across the street.

Ruditsky said: "It sounded like firecrackers and everybody hit the walk. Cooper yelled, 'I'm hit.'"

At least seven shots were fired. No car was seen and apparently the gunmen fled on foot.

Ruditsky and police officers later found two automatic shotguns and a number of shotgun shells on the ground behind the signboard.

Ballistic experts said they believed the shells had been specially loaded with heavy slugs.

As the gun blasts ceased, Cohen's aide, Frank Nicoli, aided the gambler and Cooper into his car, just behind Mickey's well-known Cadillac sedan at the curb, and rushed both to Hollywood Receiving hospital.

Miss David was carried inside the restaurant and Herbert lay on the sidewalk outside, moaning, "Oh, God, I can't move my legs."

Twenty-five minutes later a private ambulance arrived to take the wounded pair to Citizen's Emergency hospital where they were given first aid by Drs. Ray Richmond and Robert B. Nichols.

A few minutes later Cohen's wife, Lavonne, arrived at the receiving hospital, looked at him on the operating table and collapsed. She was given sedatives and later recovered.

Cooper's first request on reaching the hospital was to telephone his chief, Howser, in San Francisco.

#### Vice Probe Figures

Cohen and Ruditsky, the ex-New York cop, have been key figures in the police vice scandal

probe now under way by the grand jury.

Cohen sparked the investigation by attempting to introduce into the gun-possession trial of Harry (Honey) Baker, an old wife, recordings assertedly depicting vice squad officers and Hollywood's ex-prostitutionist Brenda Allen.

The records were excluded as evidence and the grand jury then stepped into the picture.

Ruditsky figured as a man whose brother's name in recordings were under investigation. Cohen, who listed his occupation as a haberdashery as a front for gambling and other activities, had many brushes with the law and potential assassins.

A year ago Harry (Honey) Rothman, hoodlum associate of Cohen, was slain in the haberdashery. Mickey was washing his hands and escaped death.

Police grilled Cohen extensively in the Bugsy Siegel killing of two years ago, but they were unable to connect him with the slaying.

# Heavy Guard Fails to Stop Gang Slugs

A fantastic underworld plot succeeded in landing lead in Mickey Cohen and three other persons early today despite a four-deep screen of protection.

State, county, and city authorities are amazed that the plot to get Mickey came off in spite of the gangster being under constant surveillance for weeks.

Atty. Gen. Fred N. Howser last Thursday assigned special agent Harry Cooper to guard Cohen night and day.

The guard was assigned after attempts were made to kill Mickey on San Vicente Blvd. recently and after Neddle Herbert, Cohen henchman shot early today, was riddled with bullets a couple of weeks ago.

Dep. Police Chief Thad Brown, head of detectives, revealed that a police sergeant had been shadowing Mickey for several weeks.

**Sergeant on Job**

The sergeant, D. L. Murray, was on the job last night.

Brown and Chief of Police William Worton said Murray was not "protecting" or guarding Cohen.

"I can't see why police should furnish a bodyguard for a character like Cohen," Worton said.

Worton and Brown said Murray's assignment was routine—consisting of keeping tabs on who went where with whom along the Sunset Strip spots.

Worton and Mayor Fletcher

Bowron disagreed over one angle of the Cohen surveillance.

Worton said Ralph Davis, of the attorney general's office, asked the police department to "refrain from rousting" Cohen for the next two weeks.

The request was made within the past 24 hours, the chief said. Worton said he approved the request.

But the mayor said flatly this morning that the police had not been approached by the attorney general's office.

Sheriff Eugene Biscalluz, in whose territory the shooting took place, revealed that two of his deputies had been assigned to trail Cohen for several weeks but left him just before he was shot.

The sheriff declined to name the two absent deputies.

"We're going to find out where they were," he said.

"We've been following them for months," Biscalluz said. "We've shaken them down half a dozen times in the past few weeks."

Biscalluz said no sympathy should be wasted on Cohen and Herbert.

"They asked for it," he said. "They sleep all day and prowl all night."

Biscalluz said Sgt. Murray, of the LAPD, was with Cohen when the attempted assassination took place.

"Somehow he got out of the line of fire. He must have ducked."

**Bowron Waits Report**

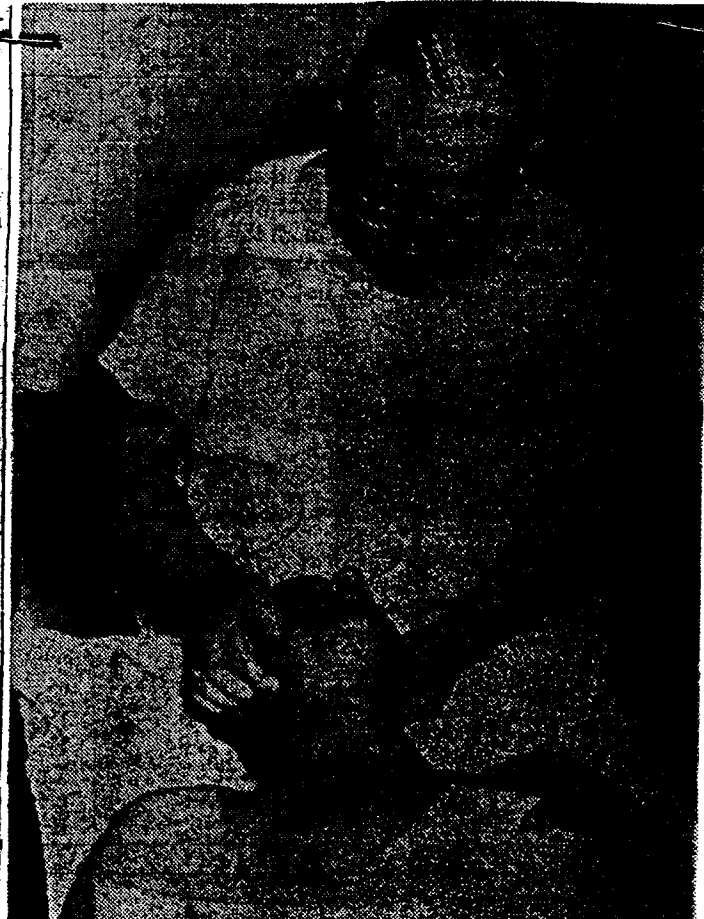
Bowron said he knew nothing about the shooting. "I expect a report later today but am not going to go looking for it," the mayor announced.

He pointed out—as an explanation of his attitude—that the shooting was in the county.

H. Leo Stanley, chief investigator for the D. A., said "It was up to Howser."

"It's his business," he said. "He should take over."

Howser, in San Francisco when



**HARRY COOPER, SERIOUSLY WOUNDED**  
Howser's aide is attended by Dr. Dickson

the attempt on Cohen's life was made, "accepted the challenge."

Enroute to Los Angeles by plane Howser said he was calling an emergency law enforcement meeting in his office at 2 p.m. today.

Invited to attend are D. A. William Simpson, Stanley, Asst. D. A. John Barnes, Biscalluz and his top aides, and Worton and aides.

Howser said the "attempted assassination of special agent Harry Cooper is a challenge to all law and order and decent citizens in our community."

Harry Lawson, foreman of the county grand jury probing police graft, said the jury would be interested in asking Fred Howser a few questions.

Lawson said he was particularly interested in learning why Howser asked the police to pay off the underworld for two weeks.

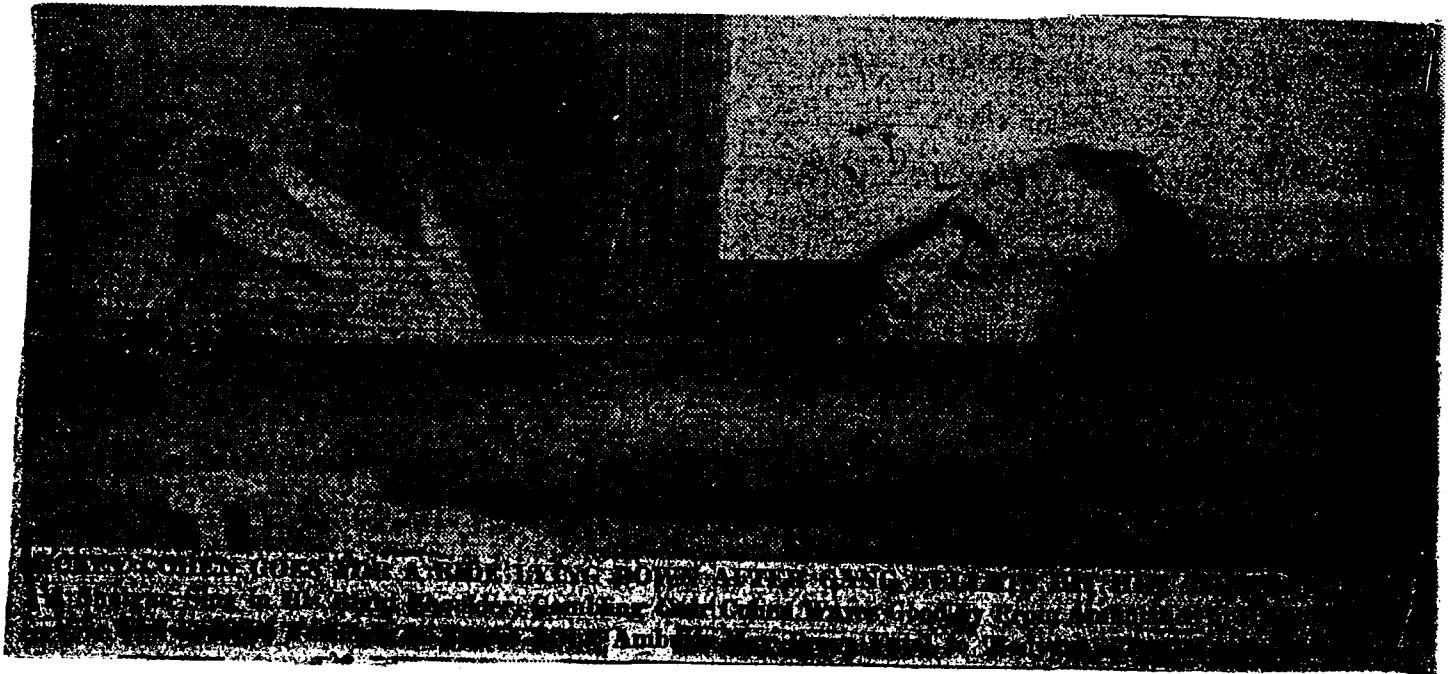
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# Mickey Says Howser Knows Who Shot Him



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Mickey Cohen, plump little gambling lord of Los Angeles, lay supine in his white bed in Queen of Angels Hospital today, his shoulder full of shotgun pellets and aware that Attorney General Fred Howser knew who tormented him and three others before dawn.

He grinned. He talked.

"I feel fine. I wish everyone felt as good as I do."

"But I'd be telling you a lie if I told you I knew who did it. I'll tell you the guy who knows all about it—Fred Howser. He assigned me this babysitter (Bodyguard Harry Cooper, also shot)."

"Howser must have had a red-hot tip to want to give me a man to watch me. Nobody knows the answer but Howser."

Black-robed nuns and white-capped nurses tilted in and out of the small hospital room, as Mickey described himself as "the luckiest guy in the world."

"I guess my number isn't up yet," he grinned. He was apparently the least harmed of the four.

Cohen felt gabby and seemed to like the company. He indicated he had some hint of the "torpedo" who blasted at him when he was asked if "it was the Costello gang moving in."

Frank Costello, of New York,

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reputedly heads the nation's racket syndicate recently under fire by the State Crime Commission, Cohen answered:

"Hell, No! If Costello was moving in, we'd all be dead by now. It's just some punk who didn't like me because I stopped them on a lot of jobs they wanted to pull."

"It's hard to believe we're living in a world of killing. Whoever is responsible for this must be dope fiends."

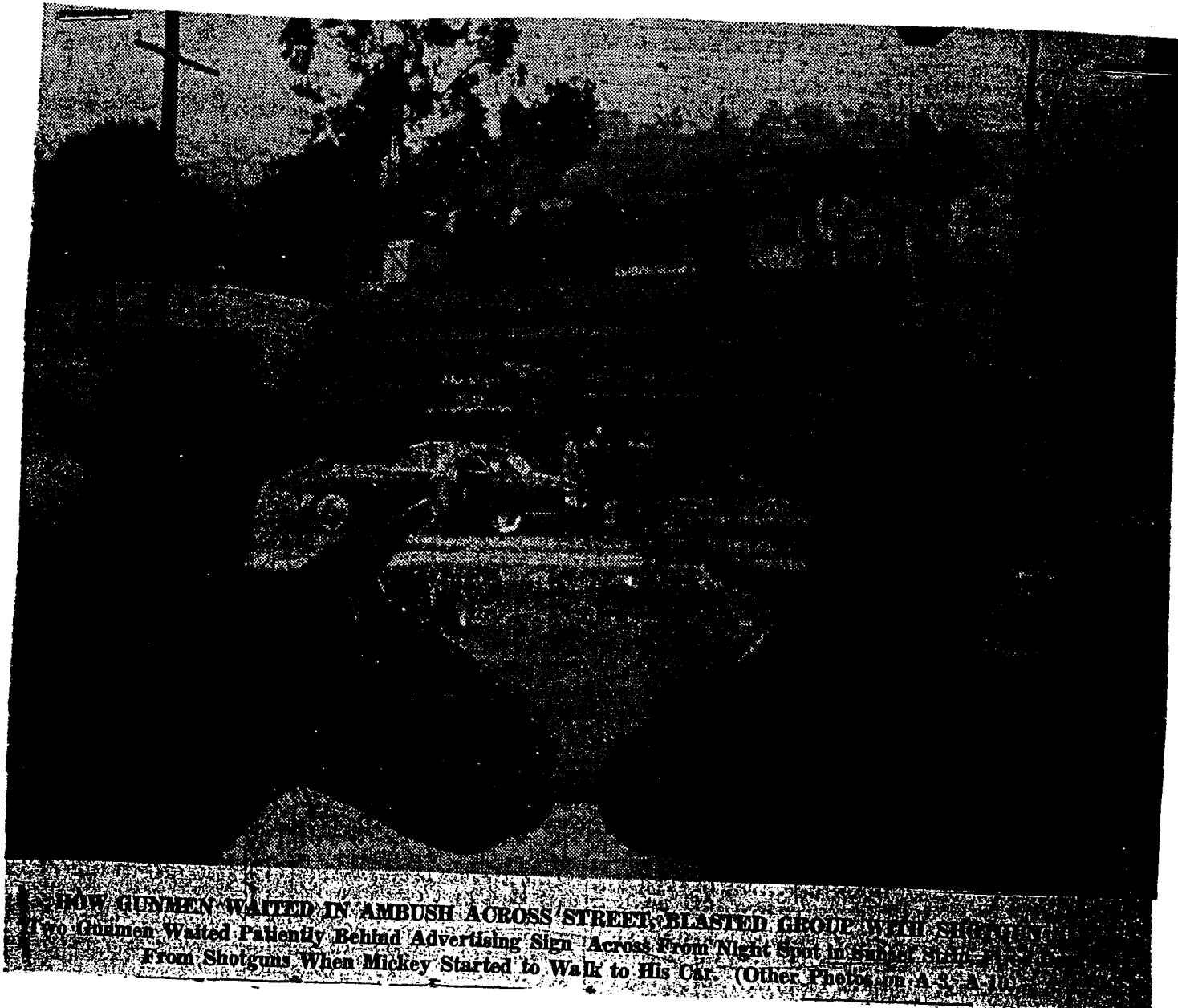
"How any human being can fire bullets into a crowd of people beats me. They're animals...they ain't human."

The first thing he knew about the bodyguard, Cohen said, was when Sam Rummel, the gamblers' attorney, called and said Attorney General Howser was sending a man out to talk "to me and show me some pictures." He continued:

"I told Sam I didn't need a babysitter. He didn't tell me anything...kept me entirely in the dark. If he had talked, maybe I could throw some light on it."

"Howser and his investigators evidently had a trap laid, so I consented to get myself up like a clay pigeon."

"Cooper" (the bodyguard) even wanted me to have one of my boys wear my hat as though it was me. The only mistake the attorney general made was not to give me more information—I could have helped him, maybe."



HOW GUNMEN WAITED IN AMBUSH ACROSS STREET, BLASTED GROUPE WITH SHOTGUN  
Two Gunmen Waited Patiently Behind Advertising Sign Across From Night Spot in Sunset Strip  
From Shotguns When Mickey Started to Walk to His Car. (Other Photos on A-3, A-10)

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Gangland guns that roared out in the early dawn this morning like a string of glass firecrackers mowed down Gambling King Mickey Cohen and three other persons, including a beautiful blonde former actress in a gay sidewalk throng in front of Sheraton Restaurant, a favorite film colony rendezvous at 9039 Sunset boulevard on the swang Sunset Strip.

The other three persons, one a guard assigned to Cohen by the attorney general, were so critically wounded that they may die—but Mickey apparently had squirmed out of another death trap.

He suffered only "a serious wound in the right shoulder," police said.

Police and deputy sheriffs said they believed Cohen was the chief target in an ambush set up by a powerful Southern mob trying to muscle in on the fast Hollywood and Los Angeles gambling and vice rackets.

But Mickey, whether he was speaking straight or on the side of his mouth, merely said:

"Those guys were just a couple of mad dog punks, strictly local talent."

It was the second attempt to assassinate Cohen in last year and his closest brush with death since he stepped into the shoes of Gangster Chief "Bugsy" Siegel after latter was rubbed out in Beverly Hills.

Dramatically, one of those most critically wounded, probably going to die, according to officers, was Harry Cooper, 39, of 693 S. Main place, a special investigator. It was revealed only yesterday had been assigned that duty by Attorney General Fred Howser to guard Cohen.

Cooper, close to Cohen, was shot twice in the chest when a hail of more than a dozen bullets, heavy shot and loaded into shotgun shells, swept across the street from

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and a sign board where the gunmen had secreted themselves for the ambush.

Dee David, the beautiful blonde woman, who lived at 1545 North Las Palmas, was shot four times in the lower part of the back and also was reported near death. She said she had just happened in at the cafe, but investigating officers believe she may have been a target because the gunmen suspected she was associated with Cohen.

Edward "Neddie" Herbert, Cohen henchman, who narrowly escaped assassination recently when he was waylaid by gunmen as he entered his apartment while accompanied by a woman friend, suffered a bullet wound in the spine which was reported to have left him at least partially paralyzed.

Others in the crowd of approximately 35 persons which had just emerged from the plush night spot narrowly escaped death or serious injury.

They include Frank Nicelli and Johnny Stompanato, also Cohen henchmen. Stompanato, whose occupation is given as a jeweler, bought Mickey's most recent, 1949 Cadillac automobile for him.

#### HIT BY SPENT BULLET

Florabel Muir, newspaperwoman, and her husband, Denny Morrison, newspaperman, also had a close call. A spent gangster bullet struck her on the dress and tumbled onto the sidewalk. Ruth Black, 25, head waitress at the restaurant, said a bullet whizzed past her head.

Johnny Rist and Eli Lubin, also Cohen henchmen, this time were the little men who weren't there.

They had left only a few minutes before the two would-be killers pumped bullets from automatic shotguns, then fled to a gray automobile in which they escaped, flinging the shotguns from the car a block away.

It was believed that Cohen escaped death only because so many people came out of the cafe at one time that he was hard to single out as a target.

Also, Cohen has had so many close ones he has learned to duck deftly.

Just why so many had gathered at Mickey's dinner party, whether it was some special occasion, remained a mystery.

It apparently was no mystery to the assassination gang, however, that Mickey and his boys would be there.

Investigation is being made to determine whether Mickey was led to the cafe and put "on the spot" for the shooting.

The part of Miss David in the shooting puzzled the officers.

It was reported that she was acquainted with Johnny Stompanato, Cohen pal. She said she was working as a nurse and had been a former actress with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

#### ADVANCE WARNING

But it was recalled that a Los Angeles police officer said only yesterday that an assassination attempt by an eastern gang was anticipated and that a woman

might be involved in the shooting.

In this connection, Los Angeles police revealed that they had stopped Mickey Cohen and others in a car early last Saturday morning.

One of those in the car was a beautiful blonde woman, unidentified, but someone who investigating officers said they believed was known to the members of the assassination mob.

Others in the Cohen car were Cooper, the guard assigned by Howser; Jimmy Rist, and Neddie Herbert.

None of the occupants of the car, including Cooper, was armed, police said.

A high police official informed the Herald-Express:

"A new gang is moving in from the east and Mickey Cohen is going to get shot."

The use of shotguns led one veteran police official to declare the shooting had the earmarks of the eastern Mafia mobsters, who nearly always use shotguns firing cartridges with heavy slugs.

Officers believe nearly every slug found its mark.

#### FIND EMPTY GUNS

Half a dozen empty shotgun shells were found behind the sign-board gang trap.

One of the slugs went through a rear window of Mickey's luxurious Cadillac.

Another went through the front window of Sherry's.

"They almost missed me," said Mickey, grimly, when he was taken into Hollywood Emergency Hospital.

"Who do you suspect?" a reporter asked.

#### TART REPLY

"Everybody!" was the little gangster's tart reply. If, with all his connections, Mickey knew, he wasn't saying.

"In the dark I never saw a thing," Mickey said.

His wife, LaVonne, led to his side, broke into tears, became hysterical and was given a sedative.

Blonde Dee David and Neddie Herbert were taken first to Citizens Emergency Hospital at 8500 Santa Monica boulevard.

Later all four of the wounded people were removed to Queen of Angels Hospital.

Cohen Gangster Herbert, despite his grave condition, mumbled:

"If I get out of this alive, I'm going to work on those guys myself with a Mixmaster."

In the underworld, a "Mixmaster" is a shotgun, machine gun or any automatic firearm capable of firing with great rapidity.

#### 35 ON SIDEWALK

Barney Ruditsky, ex-New York cop and owner of Sherry's, said there were about 35 people on the sidewalk and "it was a wonder more people didn't get it."

Ruditsky is the private detective at whose offices the famous "Brenda Allen to Sergeant Jackson" wire recorded telephone call transcriptions were first read—which led to the present police-vice tieup scandal now before the grand jury.

Sergeant Darryl Murray, attached to the staff of Chief of Detectives Thad Brown of the Los Angeles police department, also was in the midst of the shooting. His wife became hysterical as he pulled his gun, dashed into the street and sought to follow the gunmen.

In the hospital Mickey calmly shelled out a \$1000 bill, twenty \$100 bills and \$69 in smaller

money. He didn't give it to any of his pals who were so intent by his side. He handed it to Dr. C. D. Dickey of the hospital staff.

"Keep it for me, Doc," he said.

Almost immediately, the place was filled with officers who appeared to have been waiting with hair trigger tension the shooting they feared was coming.

One of these was Kenneth Lynch, assistant attorney general in charge of the Los Angeles office under Howser. With him was Ralph Davis, Howser's chief investigator.

#### DECLINES TO COMMENT

Reporters asked Lynch why Howser had assigned Cooper, the desperately wounded Cohen bodyguard, to protect a known and dangerous gangster. He refused to comment.

"Not till I see the chief," Lynch replied.

It was only yesterday that it was divulged that Howser had assigned Cooper as a bodyguard. When police and sheriff's officers, noting Cooper's continued presence with Cohen, asked Howser why, he told them his office was "making an investigation" and asked them to let Cohen and his mobsters alone and not attempt to search them for weapons.

One of the mystery angles in the speedily launched investigation was a report by the Hollywood sheriff's station that a woman called about 10:30 o'clock last night and warned:

"There's going to be a shooting tonight in the 8800 block on Sunset boulevard."

This is the block in which Mickey Cohen's haberdashery is located, but when deputy sheriff went there to investigate they only found Jimmy Rist was leaving to a ball game in the back of the store over the radio.

**Eyewitness**

## Graphic Story of Ambush

"People were dropping all around—some were shot, some were ducking for cover!"

Graphically, the scene of bloody attempted underworld assassination in which Gambling Chief Mickey Cohen and three others were mowed down was described thus today by Barney Ruditsky, owner of fashionable Sherry's restaurant on the gay Sunset Strip, scene of the shooting.

"When Mickey's party came in I didn't want to serve them because I knew it would be a late, long dinner and anything could happen.

"But I went ahead anyhow—I guess it wouldn't have made much difference, because those guys probably were waiting for them outside all the time.

### LAST TO LEAVE

"Mickey's crowd was the last to leave. We had just got outside and they were calling for

their cars in the parking lot when the shooting started. We couldn't tell from which direction the shots were coming. I flattened against a door—on the building. I don't know which—I forget.

"The shooting was awfully fast—just a couple of bursts, and then it was over.

"Mickey, Neddle Herbst, Doc David and Cooper, the attorney general's bodyguard for Mickey, were down.

### GIRL WAS CRYING

"The girl (Doc David) was crying.

"Mickey was trying to get up.

"Cooper was just lying there. Frank Niccoli, who had just driven up from the parking lot in his Chrysler, shouted 'My God, get an ambulance. Get some help. Do something.'

"They were all bleeding pretty bad and we couldn't wait, so we just bundled Mickey and Cooper into my car and rushed them to the receiving hospital."

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**FORMER ACTRESS NEAR DEATH AFTER SHOOTING**  
 Beautiful Dee David Was Shot Four Times in the Back as She Talked to Mickey's  
 'Bodyguard'; She Is in Critical Condition



**SHOTGUNS TOSSED FROM FLEEING AUTO A BLOCK FROM SCENE**  
 These Are Guns Used in Shooting and Thrown From Escaping Auto. Examining Them  
 Investigators S. Ernest Roll, H. Leo Stanley and Ralph Davis

# City Sleuth Gave Chase

Gang Squad Ace  
Present at Shooting

One of the police department's crack gangster squad detectives, Sgt. Harry Murray, attached to the staff of Chief of Detectives Thad Brown of the Los Angeles Police Department, was right there "Johnny on the spot" in the Mickey Cohen shooting last night, but so swiftly was it carried out that he never got a chance to catch up with the would-be assassins.

"I was leaving with my wife, behind Cohen's crowd, when the shooting started," Murray said.

"It sounded like firecrackers or backfiring, but I caught on when I heard those slugs spraying into the building and the car by me.

"Harry Cooper and Nellie Herbert just seemed to sag into the sidewalk.

"Doc Davis fell on her side and cried out.

"My wife was screaming, too.

"I grabbed my gun and ran toward a car I thought the ambushers were in. It took off down the street and I chased it in my car, but it turned out the man and woman in it weren't the right parties.

"I went back. There was a lot of confusion and Mickey and Harry Cooper (the attorney general's bodyguard for Mickey Cohen) were being taken away.

"It's lucky some of us weren't killed."

Sergeant Murray has been working undercover on Mickey Cohen and eastern mobsters suspected of trying to muscle into the rackets here.

## Howser Acts State to Probe Ambush Andil-A Vice

Attorney General Fred N. Howser's office was preparing to take over the investigation of the gangland shooting in which Mickey Cohen and three others were wounded, and also will step into the overall vice probe in Los Angeles, it was indicated today.

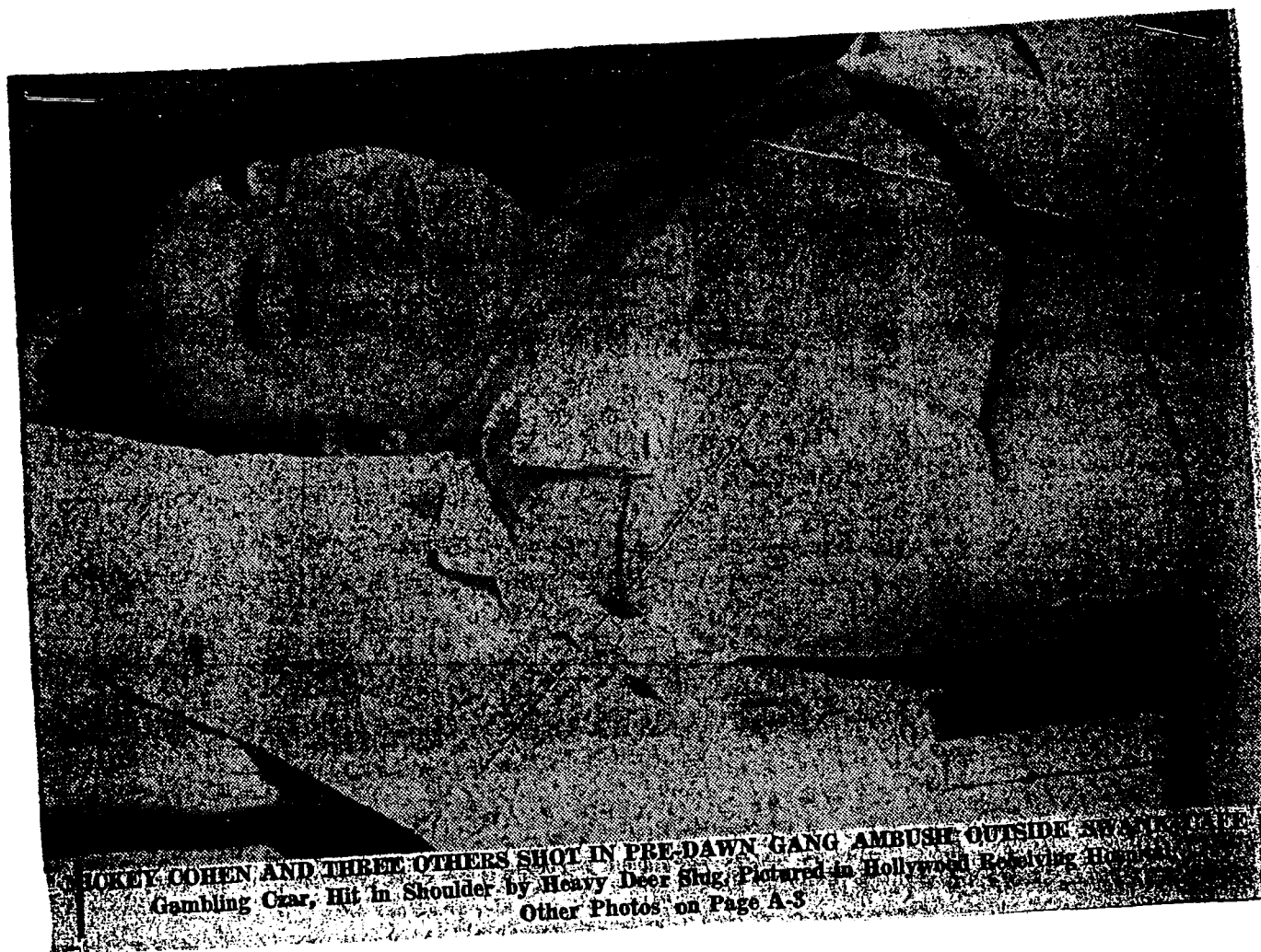
Howser called an emergency meeting of his special agents, the district attorney, the chief of police and the sheriff in his office this afternoon.

"The cowardly attempted assassinations of Special Agent Harry Cooper appear to be a challenge to all law and order, an affront to citizens in our community," Howser said by long distance telephone. "I fully intend to accept this challenge."

George Griffin, Howser's chief special agent in the State Department of Justice, and another agent were en route here by plane from Berkeley, presumably to take charge of the investigation. Michael Riordan, assistant attorney general in charge of the San Francisco office, also was on his way to Los Angeles, and Ralph Davis, chief special agent in the local office, and four other agents already are working on the case.

Meanwhile, it was reported that Howser may be called before the Grand Jury to explain why he assertedly asked the district attorney's office and the sheriff's office to "lay off" the nightly

on Cohen



**MOKEY COHEN AND THREE OTHERS SHOT IN PRE-DAWN GANG AMBUSH OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY**  
**Gambling Czar, Hit in Shoulder by Heavy Deer Slug, Pictured in Hollywood Revolving Room**  
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## Sheriff's Aide Had Warned Mickey Cohen 'Was on Spot'

"Mickey's going to get his and he knows it because I told him so."

Sheriff's Inspector Norris G. Stensland spoke those words last August after the fat little mobster escaped a gangland ambush in his Sunset Strip 'haberdashery.'

Stensland said today he was not surprised that rival gangsters had tried to erase Cohen this morning in the latest and one of the most spectacular in a series of unsolved racket killings and attempted assassinations in the Hollywood area the past five years.

"I warned Cohen he was on the spot," declared Stensland.

The cold blooded killers who entered Mickey's place last August missed Mickey because he was in the washroom of his shop.

### BOTHMAN KILLED

But Harry "Hooky" Rothman wasn't so lucky. He died under a withering blast of shotgun fire.

Albert "Slick" Snyder and Jimmie Rist, a couple of the "boys," were wounded.

The assassination that drew the most attention was that of Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, one-time kingpin of "Murder, Inc.," who he sat in the Beverly Hills mansion of his sweetheart, Virginia Hill, with gambler Allen Smiley the night of June 20, 1946.

Siegel was shot and killed by a crack marksman standing in the underbrush outside the living room window. Smiley was unscathed. Miss Hill was abroad.

### SERIES OF SHOOTINGS

Other fore-runners of the current shooting include:

The rub-out of Black Marketeer Panley Gibbons by two men in a swift black sedan on the street outside his Beverly Hills apartment early on a May 1946 morning.

The assassination five months later of Benjamin "Benny the Meatball" Gamson, No. 1 bookie and suspect in Gibbons' murder. Gamson and his torpedo, George Levinson, Chicago underworld figure, were rubbed out in their Los Angeles apartment hide-out by gunmen who fled in a car.

Then came the Rothman killing, with Cohen wearing his well-worn rabbit's foot.

Two men lurking in the shadows tried to kill Edward "Neddie" Herbert last month as he entered his Beverly Hills apartment. Herbert's body was outlined by 11 bullet holes but he was unhurt.

Today's bullet in the spine may take his life.

There was also the arrest and quick secret releases of seven Cohen henchmen last April in an assault case touched off the current Grand Jury investigation which has rocked the Los Angeles Police Department and may result tomorrow in the voting of three or four indictments.

### 'DWARFS' ARRESTED

Cohen's "Seven Dwarfs" were arrested by two rookie policemen soon after they were seen leaving

the scene of the beating of Pearson, a radio store owner. Higher-ups in the police department were charged with making the "hush-up" case.

Cohen and the "Dwarfs" are under indictment for conspiracy in the beating and for plotting to obstruct justice. His trial is pending.

Mayor Fletcher Bowron yesterday

alleged the Grand Jury had not delved far enough into the motive for wire-tapping of a conversation between Brenda Allen and a vice squad officer.

### SEEKS SOURCE

"I think we should know who paid for that wiretapping and what the purpose of it was," the mayor said. "Was it the business of the mob or was it to get information on police officers in order to hold it over their heads?"

He said that after the arrest of one Cohen mobster, other associates of the gambler told police officials:

"You square this beef or we're going to shoot the works against the department."

# Four 'Rubbed Out' in Previous L. A. Gang War Flap



**BUGSY SIEGEL**  
Killed in Hotel Room  
in 1946



**BENNY GAMSON**  
'Meatball' and Pal Slain  
in Hideout



**PAULEY GIBBONS**  
Killed in Street Ambush  
in 1946



**HARRY CAMPBELL**  
'Hookey' Rubbed Out  
in 1946

## Dee David

Beautiful blonde Dee David, former actress who was shot four times in the back and critically wounded when underworld mobsters tried to run out Mickey Cohen last night had gone alone to Smith's last night and was talking with Harry Cooper, body guard assigned by Attorney General Fred Howler's office when the shooting started.

## Wounded Girl Tells of Gang Shooting

"I went there alone last night," she said today, "I was standing outside on the sidewalk talking to Harry Cooper when I had just turned around and my back turned. I heard something that sounded like firecrackers and ran on the ground."

"I think I screamed. I can remember."

"I felt intense pain. I remember trying to move my legs to see if I still had them."



"People were dropping all around me and were all were ducking for cover," says Harry Cooper, body guard of the night club in Sunset town where the Cohen and three others were shot in ambush. Listening his report are District Attorney's investigators H. J. Stanley and A. Samuel Dan (Gardner).





Deputy Sheriff J. C. Boswell inspects the bullet-torn and blood-stained coat and shirt

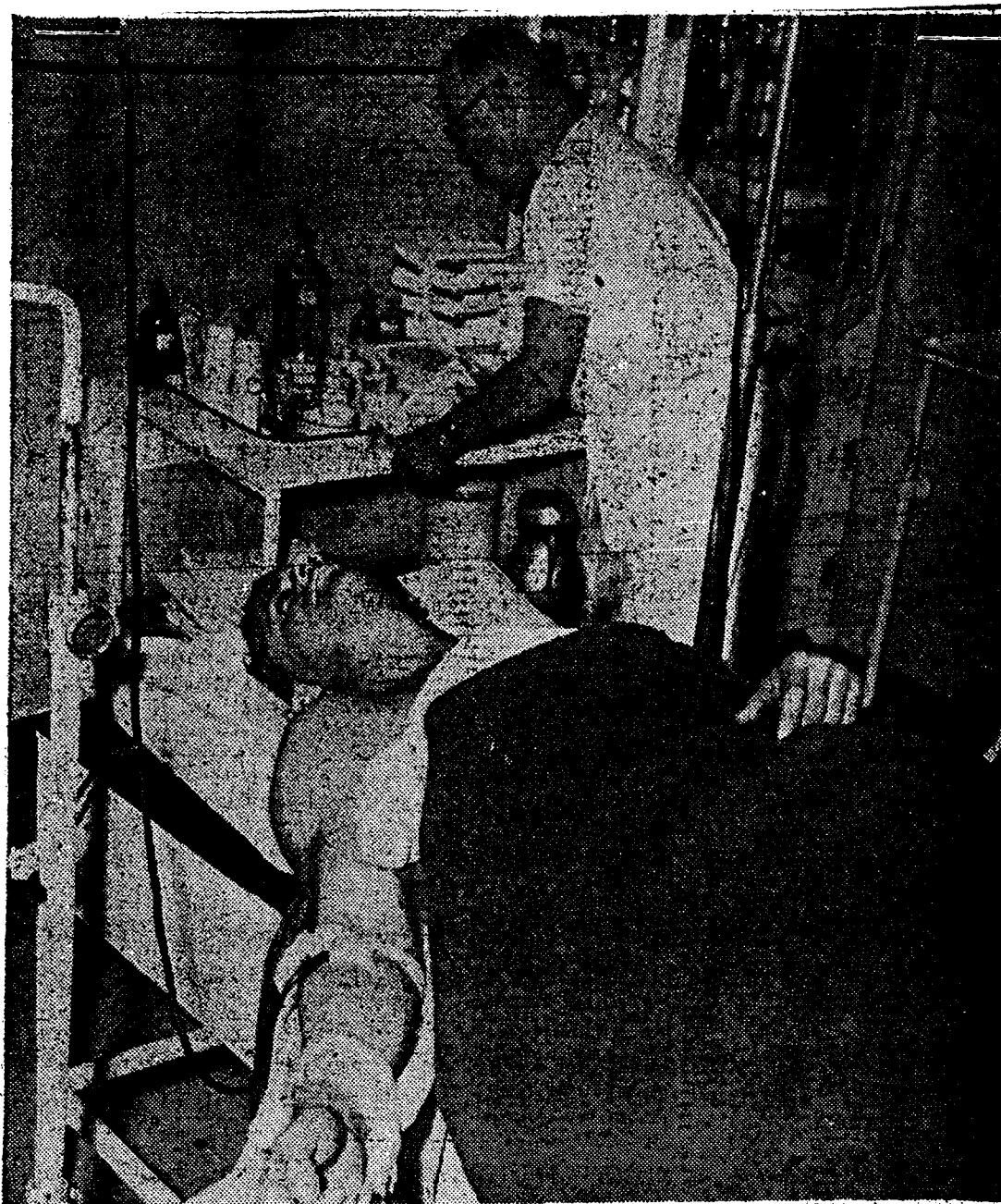
worn by Herbert. Wooden pieces have been inserted in the holes.



On table in surgery at Hollywood Receiving Hospital, Mickey Cohen talks with one of his pals, Frank Nicoli, who was among

many who narrowly escaped bullets in the ambush. Mickey, least seriously wounded of four victims, says he feels fine.

—Herald-Express File



Harry M. Cooper, special investigator assigned only yesterday by Attorney General Fred Howser to guard Cohen, was shot to Cohen when the fusillade was fired.

Two deer slugs hit him in the abdomen. Shown above in Hollywood Receiving Hospital, he is expected to die.

—Herald-Express



This is Edward "Neddie" Herbert, Cohen henchman, getting treatment at hospital for bullet that pierced his side and lodged at his spine. He is reported to be at least

partially paralyzed. "Neddie" previously escaped assassination several weeks ago when gunmen peppered away at him as he entered his swank Hollywood apartment.

—Herald-Examiner Photo



Three pals of Mickey Cohen pace corridor of Hollywood Receiving Hospital shortly after Mickey was brought in. They are (left to right) "Happy" Meltzer, Eli Lubin

and Mike Howard. Howard is carrying bag containing about \$3000 that Mickey had on him when he was shot. Man at right is unidentified.

—Herald-Examiner Photo

## Biscailuz, Bowron, Dist. Atty., Pledge Action in Cohen Case

Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz today ordered a complete investigation of the gangland shooting of Mickey Cohen and three other persons early today, while Mayor Fletcher Bowron and District Attorney William E. Simpson pledged every co-operation in the search for and prosecution of the mobsters responsible for the crime.

"The way Mickey Cohen and his boys have been parading around the Sunset Strip, despite

repeated warnings, they virtually 'asked for' this shooting," said Sheriff Biscailuz.

"They have been repeatedly frisked and shaken down by our gangster squad," he continued. "We will do all in our power to apprehend the men who fired the shots and clean up this case."

"I'll have to have more information before I can comment on the shooting," said Mayor Bowron, "but if there is

crime in Los Angeles, bodyguard or no bodyguard, the law will be enforced."

The mayor said he had asked Temporary Police Chief William A. Worton last night about the bodyguard provided for Cohen by Attorney General Fred N. Howser, but that Worton lacked information.

Announcing he personally would attend a conference called by Howser this afternoon, District Attorney Simpson said:

"My office will give every assistance to the law enforcement agencies in an effort to solve this crime."

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July 20, 1949

# MOB SLUGS RIP COHEN, 3 PALS



# MINUTES AFTER GANG GUNS ROARED

—MIRROR PHOTO by George Lacks

Lickey Cohen and his party were about to enter car when shots came. Friends aid Neddie Herbert on ground.



## GLAMOR PICTURE OF DEE DAVID

She was with Mickey in Sherry's. As party left the club four slugs hit her.

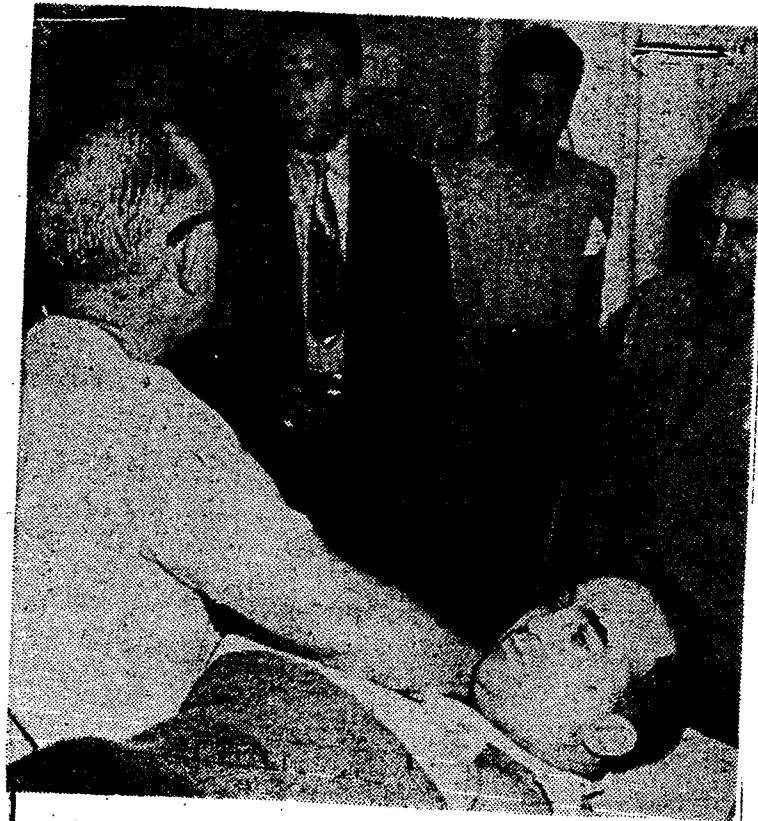




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## MICKEY'S WIFE HURRIES

Lavonne Cohen rushes to bedside of wounded mate in Hollywood Receiving hospital where she collapsed. She recovered later after taking sedatives. At her right is Johnny Stompanato, close companion of Cohen.



—MIRRORFOTO  
**IN HOSPITAL, MICKEY COHEN**  
 With Dr. C. D. Dickey (left), Frank Niccoli (right).



—MIRRORFOTO  
**WOUNDED NEDDIE HERBERT IS LOADED INTO AMBULANCE**  
 After gangster guns mow him down in front of Sherry's.



### **GUNSEL'S VICTIM AT SCENE OF SHOOTING**

Sunset Strip nightowls crowd around ambulance attendants as they administer on-the-spot aid to Cohen henchman Neddie Herbert where he fell, critically wounded with gang slugs in his shattered spine. He is in hospital in very serious condition. (Story, Page 3.)

## **COHEN BLAMES LOCAL MOB FOR RUBOUT TRY**

At Queen of the Angels hospital Cohen contradicted an earlier statement that he "didn't know who did it" by telling The Mirror and deputy sheriff John Law:

"This is a local job."

Last night, commenting on the fact that the story about his bodyguard had broken, Cohen had said, he was sorry the facts got out.

"We were just ready to spring a trap."

It was indicated he thought someone connected with his organization had been behind other attempts on his life.

During the evening, it was disclosed, Cohen had dinner with Artie Samish, widely known state political figure, at the Charochka cafe. What significance the meeting had, if any, Cohen did not disclose.

# ✓ Gang Guns Blast Cohen Mob!



## MICKEY'S TIME WAS ALMOST UP--BUT NOT QUITE

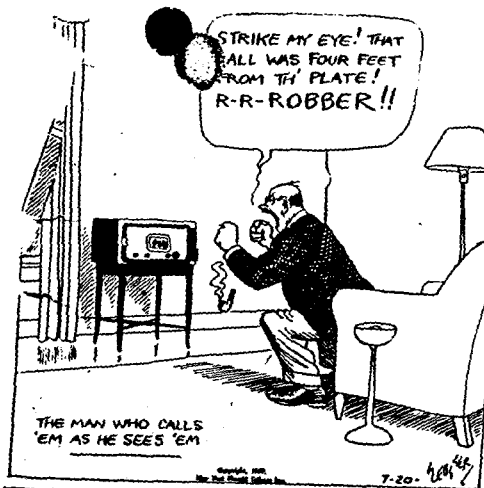
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day after he was shot by unknown assailants. At right plasma is giv  
another victim, Harry Cooper, special agent assigned to guard Coh

—MIRRORFOTOS by George Locke

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## EUROPEAN ANXIETY

# Country Wants To Fight at Home

By WILLIAM H. STONEMAN  
PARIS, July 20 (CDNS)—Every country in western Europe has decided not to be a guinea pig next time.

More specifically, they have all decided that if there is next time they are not going to be occupied for as much as a year.

As well as military leaders are studying the current Atlantic pact debate for the senate with growing astonishment and consider the perplexity.

Practically everything they read in their papers indicates that while the senate will approve the Atlantic pact, which was an American idea in the first place, it will probably balk at providing military assistance to west Europe in perpetuity.

### DEFENSE WOULD BE HOPELESS

Such a position would be accepted by western Europeans because there is nothing much they could do about it. But it would mean, in the estimation of many extremely responsible people, that the actual defense of all western European territory was against Russian ground forces by

western European armies would remain a desperate if not completely hopeless proposition.

It would mean that defense planning under both the Brussels pact and the more recent larger Atlantic pact would remain

western Europe is possible but will demand the maximum amount of cooperation and hard work and time.

If the Rhine is accepted as a defense line, then maybe as few as 20 divisions could hold the Russians if they were backed by massive American air support and extensive use of the atom bomb on both strategic and tactical targets.

But those divisions would have to be well trained, highly mobile and heavily supplied with tanks and smartly commanded.

### FIVE YEARS NEEDED FOR DEFENSE PLAN

It has been the studied opinion of our most competent generals that it will take between four and five years to whip such a force into shape under peacetime conditions. And the four or five years will start, they say, only on the day when a minimum amount of modern equipment has been assured for the training program.

## WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

An Intelligence Test—By Dr. George W. Crana, Ph.D., M.D.

Score one point for a correct solution to each of the first five problems. The last problem counts five points.

1. Which one of the following usually reaches the table earliest in the season? Early Scarlets, Country Gentleman, Kentucky Wonder, Walling Wall, Fungo, Skull Practice, Delayed Buck
2. Which one of the following terms suggests a baseball diamond? Walling Wall, Fungo, Skull Practice, Delayed Buck
3. A person carrying a creel would most likely have which of the following on his feet? Snowshoes, Tennis Shoes, Hip Boots, Moccasins
4. Which one of the following terms is inappropriate in this general grouping? Renegé, Forfeit, Balk, Feint
5. If they were suddenly changed into human form, which one of the following would be most influenced by a sliced onion? Potato, Cabbage, Beet, Carrot

The five terms shown in the left hand column below refer to quantities or groups of the corresponding items listed in the right hand column. Try to match them appropriately. You are entitled to one point for each correct judgment.

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|------------|------------|
| (a) Ford   | (v) Eggs   |
| (b) Adolt  | (w) Gravel |
| (c) Clutch | (x) Cloth  |
| (d) Skein  | (y) Wood   |
| (e) Yard   | (z) Yarn   |

Give yourself as follows: 0-2, poor; 3-6, average; 7-8, superior; 9, try superior. (Answers to test on Page 28)

## QUIZZE

Question: Do you like the same old faces in the movies or would you favor giving talented young actors a break?

'Idea' man Ben Shenburg, 1632 Marion Ave., Los Angeles, finally relieved the strain on the brain by suggesting a few questions. Thank you, Ben.)

"Some of the old ones are as good as any, I guess. I think that both are needed."

No step of the way will be easy. The Hoover commission on reorganization of the executive branch of the government recommended more than 300 reforms—and doubtless some objection will arise to every one of them. The watchdog committee for the Hoover commission report, headed by Robert L. Johnson of Philadelphia, president of Temple University, has outlined the work of reorganization.

"Who wouldn't like to see some new faces? Some of older ones I know personally and I don't care for them. Most of them are typed. And it gets tiresome seeing them in the same type of roles. A little new blood would pep up the industry and make it show more variety."

Johnson's committee says congress must enact specific legislation to put into effect 25% of the reforms. It is of legislation listing 35% of the reforms. So far four have been enacted.

"I am not particularly interested in whether it is a new star or an old one. The production is the most important thing. There is nothing worse than the big companies ballyhooing some movie with a lot of billboard advertising, and then have to leave with a sour taste in your mouth. I don't see them any more because I have been disappointed so many times."—A. F. Birk, 344 Spalding Dr., Beverly Hills, surplus glasses owner.

"I would like to see more of the younger people take over. The older actors and actresses are more or less the teachers of the younger ones. A picture with a cast of completely new actors would be kind of dry. I think that it takes both to make a picture interesting until the young ones become known and have enough experience."—J. J. Montelone, 807 E. Colorado St., Pasadena, designer of ladies' belts.

"Give me the younger faces. I get sick of seeing people 35 or 40 years old playing the part of a person engaged in his first love affair with all its palpitating bliss. It isn't too convincing. Besides, I think that the movie industry could strive to get more interesting faces. It isn't too uncommon to see beauty and looks, but it is to see an interesting face."—George T. Burns, 15 N. Raymond Ave., Pasadena, student.

## Hoover Reforms Face Tough Fight

By JAMES M. HASWELL

WASHINGTON—(CDNS)—The rocky road military unification has traveled in congress shows the type of fight the citizens committee for the Hoover report faces.

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Immediately after that bill was passed, on June 20, the President submitted seven plans to congress. They cover all the 25%. They are just preliminary steps.

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## Senate School E Could End Crisis

WASHINGTON—It is most unfortunate that the federal aid to education bill has become tied up in a house controversy involving religion that has tied it up.

For the senate already has approved a very satisfactory measure to meet what is properly called "the crisis of education."

There is a practical way out of this dilemma which it would behoove the house to take.

This is to pass the senate bill, which leaves all matters of administration to the states to resolve themselves. Instead of the one sponsored by Rep. Graham A. Barden (D-N.C.). The latter's bill excludes use of federal funds for certain purposes and has provoked a religious controversy that has deadlocked the education and labor committee.

To break the deadlock, Rep. Hugo S. Sims Jr. (D-S.C.), a member of that committee, has filed a petition to force the committee to bring the senate bill before the house for action.

This would require signatures of 218 members, a majority of the house.

If a sufficient number sign the petition in the next eight or nine days, it would be possible to get a house vote by August 8 under the rules. Widespread support for such a move even if short of a majority, might influence the committee to act on the senate bill.

### SENATE BILL MEETS THE ISSUE

The senate bill clearly meets the issue of separation of church and state. Overwhelmingly, the senate voted down an amendment federal money for church schools. It also made its attitude clear on other controversial issues by defeating:

1. An amendment to make abolition of segregation a condition for states to receive federal funds, resisted by the south.
2. An amendment to allocate a larger share of federal funds to states which will receive less than the poorer states.

The senate bill leaves to the states policies with respect to segregation, free textbooks and buses, among other administrative matters. If a state decides to provide transportation for school children school children, as New York does, the use of federal funds will be permitted under the senate bill. If a state authorized free textbooks, as Louisiana does, use of federal funds would not be barred under the senate bill.

### BARDEN BILL CAN'T PASS

The Barden bill specifically excludes funds for those purposes. It is clear it cannot pass the house. The senate bill is the only one that can pass the house and break the deadlock to furnish funds badly needed to supply state education funds.

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United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California  
July 20, 1949

Director, FBI

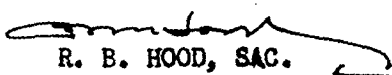
RE: MICKEY COHEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

As of interest to the Bureau, I  
am enclosing herewith clippings from daily news-  
papers regarding the attempted killing of MICKEY  
COHEN on July 20, 1949.

Very truly yours,

RBH:AB  
Encs. 8

  
R. B. HOOD, SAC.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : A. Rosen

DATE: July 21, 1949

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
AMBUSH AND SHOOTING OF MICKEY COHEN,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, July 20, 1949

Call: 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

With further reference to the ambushing and shooting of Mickey Cohen and his party this morning, SAC Hood, Los Angeles advised that Attorney General Howser was possibly in Fresno, California last night, July 19, 1949, and that he returned to Los Angeles today for a meeting with the local District Attorney, the Sheriff and the Chief of Police, in connection with the shooting of his agent [REDACTED] who was acting as a bodyguard for Mickey Cohen when he was ambushed and shot this morning.

Mr. Hood advised that an officer of the Los Angeles Police Department was also acting as a bodyguard for Cohen and was present at the time of the shooting but uninjured. Also two deputies of the Sheriff's office had been with Cohen until about a half hour before Cohen's departure from Ruditzskys Night Club, but had left before the shooting.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: July 20, 1949

FROM : MR. ROSEN

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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

The following is the criminal record of Michael "Mickey" Cohen,  
as furnished by the Identification Division:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
PD, Los Angeles, Calif.	7/18/33 ✓	Suspicion of robbery	None given
PD, Cleveland, Ohio	2/12/34 ✓	Embezzlement	4/21/34, rec'd suspended sentence of 2 yrs.
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	2/4/41 ✓	Bookmaking	2/4/41. Released on bond.
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	7/11/41 ✓	Bookmaking	7/11/41. Released on appeal bond.
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	1/28/42 ✓	Bookmaking	Released LA County Jail 6/26/42. <u>Expiration.</u>
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	7/30/42 ✓	591 Penal Code (cutting telephone wires)	Released LA County Jail 7/30/42. <u>Bond.</u>
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	9/25/42 ✓	Injuring telephone wires and Assault with deadly weapon.	Released, LA County Jail, 9/25/42, <u>on bond.</u>
PD, San Francisco, Calif.	9/27/44 ✓	\$1,000 Vagrancy (en route LA, Cal.)	9/27/44. Discharged, 9/28/44, <u>dismissed.</u>
PD, Los Angeles, Calif.	5/23/40 ✓	Suspicion of assault with deadly weapon	No disposition
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	8/19/48 ✓	Suspicion murder	No disposition

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SO, Los Angeles, Calif.

3/22/49 ✓

Suspicion of conspiracy  
to murder.

No disposition

SO, Los Angeles, Calif.

4/17/49 ✓

Conspiracy to obstruct  
justice, Assault with  
deadly weapon, and  
robbery.

No disposition ✓

The following notations are unsubstantiated by fingerprints:

PD, Los Angeles, Calif.

7/19/33

Vagrant associate.

Was released.

PD, Los Angeles, Calif.

2/1/41

337A, Penal Code

6 mos in County  
Jail and  
\$100 fine.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles 13, California  
June 23, 1949

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Mr. Glavin.....  
Mr. Nichols.....  
Mr. Rosen.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Mr. Harbo.....  
Mr. Mohr.....  
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Mr. Nease.....

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Director, FBI

Attention: Security Division

RE: MICHAEL COHEN;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES

Dear Sir:

Microphone surveillance on [REDACTED] dis-  
continued as of 8:30 P.M., June 21, 1949, inasmuch as  
same has been unproductive.

Symbol was [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD  
SAC

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MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN. INFORMATION CONCERNING. RENTPHONE TO MR.  
ROSEN YESTERDAY. COHEN, HIS ACTRESS GIRL FRIEND [REDACTED] COHEN  
MOBSTER NEDDIE HERBERT, AND [REDACTED] ASSIGNED TO COHEN AS BODY-  
GUARD BY AG FRED HOWSER, FIRED UPON BY TWO KILLERS USING SHOTGUNS WITH  
DEER SLUGS, FOUR A.M. JULY TWENTY LAST, WHEN PARTY EMERGED FROM SHERRY-S  
NIGHT CLUB ON SUNSET STRIP, HOLLYWOOD. COHEN WOUNDED SHOULDER, OTHER  
THREE CRITICALLY INJURED BUT EXPECTED TO LIVE. SHOOTING ATTRIBUTED  
LOCAL HOODLUMS. LAST WEEK HOWSER CLAIMED ADVANCED TIP OFF TO THREATENED  
KILLING COHEN AND JUSTIFIED ASSIGNING INVESTIGATOR TO COHEN AS BODYGUARD.  
HOWSER NOW NONCOMMITAL IDENTITY KILLERS OR SOURCE TIP OFF. ONE POSSIBLE  
EXPLANATION RECEIVED CONFIDENTIALLY THIS OFFICE [REDACTED]

ANOTHER INFORMANT STATES [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR FRANK COSTELLO, RECENTLY IN LA HOLDING  
SECRET MEETINGS AND POSSIBLY CONNECTED INSTANT SHOOTING.

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CC Mr. Rosen

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN, was.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: July 21, 1949

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PURPOSE

To summarize available information concerning Michael "Mickey" Cohen, notorious Los Angeles hoodlum.

BACKGROUND

Information Furnished by Mickey Cohen

Cohen at Los Angeles in September, 1941 voluntarily furnished to Bureau Agents the following information concerning his antecedents and background.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York, September 4, 1911, and began his professional career as a boxer in New York City. Later he moved to Chicago where he was engaged in gambling and fight promoting. He has also spent considerable time in Cleveland, Ohio where he received his first conviction on a charge of embezzlement for which he was sentenced to a term of one to ten years. Cohen spent the years 1930 to 1932 in the Mansfield, Ohio Reformatory and claimed he was arrested again in Cleveland on February 2, 1933, for evading income taxes on which charge he was assessed a fine of \$15,000 and sentenced to four years.

He stated that he was again operating in Cleveland by 1934 and supposedly received another conviction there for embezzlement. He was supposedly released on this charge on a promise he would leave the State. From Ohio he went to New York where he immediately ran afoul of the law and was arrested for robbery. Shortly after this incident he claims to have gone to Chicago and opened a gambling joint in the Loop. He left Chicago when he learned that Ohio authorities were planning to cause his arrest for violation of his parole and decided to take up permanent residence in California.

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED  
ENCL. It is interesting to note that the information furnished by Cohen concerning many of his arrests and convictions is not supported by information contained in the Bureau's identification file. His arrest record under FBI #755912 reflects that he was first arrested by the Police Department, Los Angeles, California on July 18, 1933. No disposition of this arrest is reflected in the record. He was again arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department on the following day, July 19, 1933, on a vagrancy association charge and was released. His record does not reflect any other arrests during the pertinent period for which he furnished the information set out above, except in Cleveland in 1934 for embezzlement when he received a sentence of two years and the sentence was suspended.

Cohen is commonly reputed to be a braggart who, at least until the recent past, was anxious to be esteemed as a notorious "tough" and it appears probable that the discrepancies between his admitted arrests and those reflected in his identification record arose from a feeble attempt on his part to deceive the law-enforcing agents as to his actual arrest record.

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Michael H. Cohen - Photograph

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Information Furnished by Informants and Developed in Connection with the Crime Survey Program

Cohen's debut in California was in the capacity of a pimp. However, he had ambitions to become a major hoodlum and by 1938 informant [redacted] advised that he was running a bookmaking establishment in fashionable Westwood. By 1938 Cohen was also baiting hoodlum "big shots" from the East by making guns and transportation available when they arrived in Los Angeles for visits or enforced vacations. [redacted] b7C b7D

[redacted] advised that Cohen's prestige in underworld circles was rapidly mounting even while he was in Cleveland. He carried out muscle jobs with dispatch and showed no qualms or compunctions against killing. Cohen's reputation followed him to California and he soon graduated to the upper brackets among the hoodlum element.

In October, 1940, Cohen married [redacted]

[redacted] Cohen resided in Burbank, California, until 1942 when Cohen had attracted the attention of the then No. 1 Gang Lord in Los Angeles Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel and as a result of their association he was soon able to move into more pretentious quarters in Los Angeles.

COHEN'S "RECORD" DURING WORLD WAR II

Cohen registered for Selective Service on October 16, 1940 and, in submitting his questionnaire, described himself as a fight promoter. He carefully pointed out his extensive criminal record and was subsequently classified 4-F as being "morally unfit for military service." Later he and his brother apparently chafing under the disparaging comments and subtle insinuations of friends whose sons had already been drafted or had enlisted, made efforts to have Cohen reclassified. An active police investigation of him made at the time failed to substantiate claims that he was of good character and reputation. b7C b7D

[redacted] Cohen consolidated his position during the War and he and his gang made exorbitant profits in black market deals involving nylon hosiery and other commodities. At the end of World War II Cohen stood next to Bugsie Siegel in the list of major Los Angeles hoodlums.

COHEN'S RISE TO POWER

By 1942 when Benjamin "Bugsie" Siegel was endeavoring to establish himself as a respectable "sportsman" and desired someone to replace him as the leader for the Criminal Syndicate on the west coast he was attracted to Cohen. Cohen had already become entrenched as a key representative of the Criminal Syndicate and had gained the reputation of being willing to kill whenever necessary to get results. Siegel began a program of encouraging Cohen. [redacted] b7C

Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

[REDACTED] a Los Angeles racketeer, acted as liaison man between Siegel and Cohen. [REDACTED] b7c

Another person known as [REDACTED] whose true name is believed to be [REDACTED] who reportedly was one of the major liquor and beer operators for the old Capone Gang of Chicago, used his influence in syndicate circles to promote Cohen's rise to power. When Cohen's reputation was established with the top level syndicate chiefs he went to prominent Mafia leaders for advice and help and [REDACTED] Cohen by 1947 had committed seven murders for the syndicate. b7c b7d

#### OPERATIONS IN PROSTITUTION

Although Cohen has derived income from gambling, shake downs, proceeds from robberies and payment for many strong-arm jobs he continued to maintain a close interest in prostitution using it primarily as a convenience in playing host to notorious gangsters from the east. b7c b7d

He began using party [REDACTED]

#### OTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

In 1944 and 1945 Cohen in a program of expansion established the La Brea Social Club in Hollywood, California, as headquarters for his mob and a place from which to supervise his gambling, bookmaking, prostituting and shake down operations.

The Los Angeles Office has advised that information furnished by informants indicates that George Raft, movie actor, allegedly provided Cohen with \$100,000 to finance the establishment of this club. b7c b7d

In 1946 Cohen was arrested for the killing of Max Shaman, a member of his gang, following a dispute concerning a gambling debt. [REDACTED] Frank Costello sent \$100,000 to the west coast to effect Cohen's release on this charge. Cohen was later released [REDACTED]. (This arrest is not reflected in Cohen's record.)

Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

Cohen continued to expand his criminal activities in 1946 and was suspected of engineering the murder of Paul Gibbons, May 2, 1946, which killing marked the beginning of what has since become known as the gang war in Southern California. b7C

Early in January, 1947, there were indications that a number of gangsters and killers from Detroit, Cleveland and other eastern cities were in the vicinity for the avowed purpose of killing Cohen. Cohen decided the time was ripe to request police protection and as a result Sergeant [REDACTED] of the Hollywood Detective Bureau was made the personal bodyguard of Cohen for a considerable time. Various other officers had this assignment and Cohen augmented his protection by the importation of [REDACTED], a well known Cleveland hoodlum. b7C b7D

[REDACTED] in 1947 Cohen had charge of the Goon Squad working for a number of A. F. of L. unions in Los Angeles [REDACTED]

Cohen in 1947 moved into a \$120,000 mansion at Brentwood, California, and transferred his business headquarters to his store called "Michael's Exclusive Haberdashery" on Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Following the killing of "Bugsie" Siegel in June, 1947, Cohen rapidly expanded his activities in all directions and soon became the leading racket figure in Los Angeles. He transferred his haberdashery to Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, and it was there in August, 1948, that unknown assailants cut down Cohen's bodyguard Harry "Hooky" Rothman with shotgun blasts a few moments after Cohen had left Rothman to step into the washroom. b7C

Cohen was picked up by police in connection with this shooting and later released but while under arrest he made the statement that the killers of his bodyguard, Rothman, had actually intended to shoot him. After his release Cohen established elaborate alarms and other protective devices on all the doors and windows of his headquarters above his haberdashery shop on Sunset Boulevard. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] arranged to be accompanied by a convoy of bodyguards at all times. b7C

[REDACTED]

b7c

Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

[REDACTED]

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Cohen received headline publicity in the Los Angeles newspapers in March, 1949, when seven members of his mob who were arrested for the savage beating of [REDACTED] were released without charges by detectives of the Wilshire Station of the Los Angeles Police Department. The scandal was brought to light when an amateur photographer, who had obtained a photograph of the apprehension, sold the picture to a local newspaper. The then [REDACTED] ordered an investigation and as a result Cohen and [REDACTED] a bodyguard, were arrested. b7c

A subsequent inquiry by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury concerning a possible tie-up between Cohen and the Los Angeles Police Department resulted in the recent sensational expose concerning the pay off to members of the Los Angeles Police Department [REDACTED] b7c

Cohen figured in nation wide publicity July 20, 1949, when newspapers reported that he and his party were fired upon as they left Ruditzsky's night club in Los Angeles sometime in the early morning hours of July 20, 1949.

Cohen received a shoulder wound while his bodyguard, Edward "Neddie" Herbert and [REDACTED] a State Special Agent working out of the Office of Attorney General Howser, and who had been assigned to Cohen as a bodyguard, were seriously wounded. A [REDACTED] female companion of one of Cohen's henchman who was with the party, was also badly wounded during the affray. b7c

The Los Angeles Office has reported that information has been received that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office had been "shaking down" Mickey Cohen every day but that on July 19 last the Chief was advised that State Attorney General Howser was assigning California State Agent [REDACTED] from his office to Cohen as a bodyguard. The Los Angeles Office has advised that an officer of the Los Angeles Police Department was also present as a bodyguard to Cohen at the time of the shooting but was uninjured. Two Deputy Sheriffs of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office had been with Cohen and his party as bodyguards but had left approximately one-half hour before the shooting occurred. b7c

Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

IDENTIFICATION RECORD

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Cohen although interviewed by Agents of this Bureau several times on criminal matters has never been the subject of an investigation by the FBI. His identification record under FBI #755912 reflects that he was arrested by the Police Department, Los Angeles, California in 1933 as a robbery suspect and that from that time to the present he has been arrested 13 more times on charges ranging from bookmaking to suspected murder. His last arrest was by the Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, California, on April 12, 1949 on charges of Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice, Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Robbery on which charge no disposition is shown. A copy of Cohen's identification record under FBI #755912 and a copy of his [REDACTED] photograph is attached hereto.

Attachment

MICKEY COHEN - FBI #755912

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
PD, Los Angeles, Calif.	7-18-33	Suspicion of robbery	None given
PD, Cleveland, Ohio	2-12-34	Embezzlement	4-21-34, rec'd suspended sentence of 2 yrs.
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	2-4-41	Bookmaking	2-4-41, Released on bond.
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	7-11-41	Bookmaking	7-11-41. Released on appeal bond
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	1-28-42	Bookmaking	Released LA County Jail 6-26-42, Expiration
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	7-30-42	591 Penal Code (cutting telephone wires)	Released LA County Jail 7-30-42. Bond.
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	9-25-42	Injuring telephone wires and Assault with deadly weapon	Released LA County Jail 9-25-42, on bond.
PD, San Francisco, Calif.	9-27-44	\$1,000 Vagrancy (en route LA, Cal.)	9-27-44. Discharged. 9-28-44, dismissed.
PD, Los Angeles, Calif.	5-23-40	Suspicion of assault with deadly weapon	No disposition.
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	8-19-48	Suspicion murder	No disposition.
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	3-22-49	Suspicion of conspiracy to murder	No disposition.
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	4-12-49	Conspiracy to obstruct justice, Assault with deadly weapon, and robbery	No disposition.

The following notations are unsubstantiated by fingerprints:

PD, Los Angeles, Calif.	7-19-33	Vagrant associate	Was released.
PD, Los Angeles, Calif.	2-1-41	337A, Penal Code	6 mos in County Jail and \$100 fine.

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**AUGUST 3, 1949**

**SAC, LOS ANGELES**

MICHAEL MICKEY COHEN, WA INFORMATION CONCERNING, MISCELLANEOUS. WASHINGTON  
NEWSPAPERS TODAY CONTAIN PRESS REPORTS DATED AUGUST TWO LOS ANGELES REFLECTING  
AN UNEXPLAINED EXPLOSION ACROSS STREET FROM COHEN'S HOME AT ABOUT TWO FORTY A.M.  
YESTERDAY. NEWS REPORT INDICATED EXPLOSION MAY HAVE BEEN FROM HOME MADE BOMB  
INTENDED FOR COHEN AND THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE INVESTIGATING. SUTEL AVAILABLE  
DETAILS CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT.

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The Attorney General

August 22, 1949

Director, FBI

MICHAEL "MICKY" COHEN  
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As you are undoubtedly aware, there has been considerable publicity recently relative to the activities of Michael "Micky" Cohen and other notorious West Coast criminals. Diligent efforts have been made by many sources to inject this Bureau into the investigations which are being made by the local authorities with reference to the activities of Cohen and his criminal associates.

I wanted you to know that I have personally made a survey of the situation and have determined that there is no information indicating a violation of Federal law within this Bureau's investigative jurisdiction. This Bureau cannot and will not be brought into this investigation in the absence of an appropriate jurisdictional basis for such investigation. I have personally conferred with William Worton, Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department, and have assured him that the facilities of the Laboratory and Identification Divisions of this Bureau are available to him and the local authorities in Los Angeles in connection with their investigation of Cohen and his associates.

Any further information received concerning this matter will be brought to your attention.

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THAT COHEN HAD TOLD A BOOK MAKER [REDACTED] IN FLORIDA TO SEND  
THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. HE ADMITTED THAT THE CONVERSATION [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CONTAINED NO THREAT OF  
ANY KIND BUT MERELY REFLECTED AN EFFORT BY COHEN TO COLLECT A GAMBLING  
DEBT. HE WAS ADVISED THAT THESE FACTS DID NOT CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF  
THE EXTORTION STATUTE AND AS A RESULT NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN. [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] IN RE LT. [REDACTED] OF THE LAPD GANGSTER DETAIL I  
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OR ANY OTHER CASE UNQUOTE.

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TO : Mr. Ladd *[initials]*  
 FROM : Mr. Rosen *[initials]*  
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 INFORMATION CONCERNING *[redacted]*

DATE: 8-24-49

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SAC Hood of the Los Angeles Office telephonically advised that the information as set forth in the wire from Supervisor *[redacted]* is correct. *b7c*

He advised that the information in the morning "Times" appears to be very good and is favorable to the Bureau although he did not have an opportunity to read the entire article. *[redacted]*

Mr. Hood advised that he met Lt. *[redacted]* on one occasion but that he never maintained liaison with him at any time. Agent *[redacted]* had no contact with *[redacted]*. *ab b7c*

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TO : MR. ROSEN *PR*  
 FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*  
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 Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

On Sunday, August 21, I talked to SAC Hood and instructed him to review all of the logs which he received from the Police Department in connection with the Mickey Cohen case for the purpose of determining whether there was any information concerning Federal violations contained therein which had been properly disseminated at the time and instructed him to let us know the results of this check. Mr. Hood had previously called on the evening of August 19 and inquired as to whether he should check the file in the possession of the U. S. Attorney, the U. S. Attorney having indicated that there was no information in the file concerning a specific violation within the jurisdiction of the FBI.

On the morning of August 22, I telephonically informed SAC Hood that he should not make this check in view of the fact that I had discussed this matter with the Director who so instructed.

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Office Memorandum

M • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. ROSEN

DATE: August 24, 1949

FROM : W.L. WALSH *W.L. Walsh*

SUBJECT:

MICHAEL MICKEY COHEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to your memorandum to Assistant Director LADD of this date concerning the above captioned matter.

At 2:55 AM this date SAC HOOD called the Bureau and advised that relative to the [REDACTED] incident his agents have not been able to locate any reference in the Los Angeles files. However SAC HOOD had been talking to SA [REDACTED] at Quantico who recalls the incident. SA [REDACTED] HAS advised SAC HOOD that he recalls talking to [REDACTED] of the LAPD relative to the \$30,000. [REDACTED] incident. [REDACTED] contacted SA [REDACTED] and told him COHEN had been trying to collect this money from a man named [REDACTED] in Florida and [REDACTED] wanted to know if a federal law might be involved. [REDACTED] stated there was no indication of the use of threats or force by COHEN and so SA [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] the facts did not contain any evidence of a violation of a federal law and consequently the LA Office took no action in connection with this matter. *b7c*

While SAC HOOD was talking with the writer at the Bureau SAC CARSON of the Miami Office telephonically contacted the LA Office relative to this matter. Thereafter ASAC ELLSWORTH of The LA Office informed the writer that SAC CARSON had advised the MIAMI Office could locate no reference to the \$30,000.00 [REDACTED] incident in its files. SAC CARSON stated the man undoubtedly referred to is [REDACTED] a notorious hoodlum and gambler of West Palm Beach, Fla. SAC CARSON advised the Miami Office had located in its files a letter from LA to the MIAMI Office dated Nov. 16, 1948 entitled "MICHAEL MICKEY COHEN-INFORMATION CONCERNING" wherein LA advised Miami of some telephone numbers at West Palm Beach used by COHEN. Miami by letter dated Dec. 14, 1948 advised the LA Office that all these numbers belonged to [REDACTED]. These letters contain no information concerning the \$30,000.00 incident. Copies of these letters were not sent to the Bureau. *b7c*

SAC HOOD advised the writer he felt the facts concerning the \$30,000. incident had been received from SA [REDACTED] and no further information is located in the files and accordingly the writer discontinued his search of the Bureau files relative to this incident. Up to the point of discontinuance no information had been located by the writer.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD *DM*

DATE: August 24th. 1949

FROM : A. ROSEN *AR*SUBJECT: MICHAEL MICKEY COHEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNINGALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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 Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to SAC HOOD'S telephone call of 11:00 PM August 23rd. in connection with this matter. At approximately 1:15 AM this date Mr. HOOD telephonically contacted me and advised that he had talked to the DIRECTOR concerning this matter and the DIRECTOR wanted the following action taken immediately;

(1) A search of the Bureau files be made to determine if there is information therein relative to the information appearing in the Los Angeles evening newspaper of August 23rd. last wherein [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles P.D. is reported as saying that "when we (LAPD) overheard material from COHEN'S phone indicating that COHEN was trying to collect \$30,000.00 from a man named [REDACTED] of West Palm Beach Fla. the FBI was notified and took appropriate action of it's own. The \$30,000.00 involved in Florida was supposed to be concerned with race horse bookie bets".

In this connection SAC HOOD advised that the Los Angeles Office is checking it's files and Mr. HOOD has called SAC CARSON of the Miami Office and requested the Miami files be immediately searched.

(2) The DIRECTOR wants a statement from SA [REDACTED] who is in Service at Quantico submitted to SAC HOOD tonight so that the DIRECTOR will have it in the morning. SA [REDACTED]

## ACTION:

I instructed Supervisor [REDACTED] on duty at the Bureau to immediately search the Bureau's files in connection with item 1 above.

I telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] at Quantico and instructed him to submit immediately his explanation as to [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] stated he would get a wire out to SAC HOOD immediately.

SAC HOOD also advised that it was necessary for Supervisor [REDACTED] assigned to Division 5 of the Bureau to immediately submit to SAC HOOD his information relative to any connection of his with the technical surveillance the LAPD maintained on the residence of COHEN'S. Supervisor [REDACTED] was instructed to immediately prepare the necessary information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. ROSEN *R*  
 FROM : J. E. MILNES  
 SUBJECT: MICHAEL MICKEY COHEN  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: August 23, 1949

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 Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_

At 11:00 PM this date SAC R. B. HOOD of the Los Angeles Office called and said he had just received information to the effect that [REDACTED] in making a statement to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on one occasion the LAPD furnished specific information concerning \$30,000.00 received by COHEN from one [REDACTED] of West Palm Beach Florida and that the FBI took independent in this case.

Mr. HOOD also spoke to Mr. NICHOLS and Mr. ROSEN. Mr. NICHOLS told him to make no comment concerning this matter if newspapermen inquired of him, other than to say we were not interested in the COHEN case.

At Mr. NICHOLS request I informed [REDACTED] of the above. When Mr. LADD called me I informed him of the information received and the action taken

At 11:50 PM Mr. HOOD called again and said that he hadn't been able to reach the DIRECTOR up to that time

At 1:10 AM August 24th. Mr. HOOD again called and said he had talked to the DIRECTOR and the DIRECTOR wanted Mr. HOOD to call Mr. ROSEN and tell him to have an immediate check made of the Bureau files to see if the information relating to [REDACTED] could be identified. The LA Office is checking it's files in this regards. Per Mr. HOOD'S request his called was transferred to Mr. ROSEN

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WASHINGTON STAR, Washington, D. C.  
AUGUST 24, 1949

## Vigilantes Committee To Sift Information On Los Angeles Vice

By the Associated Press  
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 24.—Mickey (the Mouse) Cohen will have more than police to contend with soon.

A new vigilantes committee yesterday charged.

"Mickey Cohen is merely a Mickey Mouse front man for the real vice overlords. We are determined to find out who these vice lords are and name them publicly."

Then it announced it would immediately open an investigation bureau to sift information from private citizens on crime and vice conditions in Los Angeles, and turn the facts over to State and Federal authorities.

### Mass Meeting Called

The vigilantes, organized recently by a veterans' group, called a mass meeting for tonight and invited local, State and Federal law enforcement officers to attend.

Cohen, who has been willing enough in the past to talk with newsmen, yesterday refused to talk with District Attorney William Simpson. Mr. Simpson had said he wanted to ask the gambler about reports that Cohen had paid \$20,000 for a copy of the transcript which police, using hidden microphones, made of conversations in his home.

Rebutted Mr. Simpson said he is interested in seeing if police officers who operated the listening post can provide enough sworn testimony to make a case against Cohen. "These officers currently are being questioned by Mr. Simpson."

### Reveals FBI Check

Sergt. E. V. Jackson, first to talk with Mr. Simpson, late yesterday disclosed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation two years ago began checking on Cohen's frequent telephone calls to gamblers in Eastern cities. Telephone numbers were copied down by police at the listening post as Mickey made the calls. Sergt. Jackson said he did not know what success the FBI had. The FBI here had no comment.

The FBI was interested, Sergt. Jackson said, in a "fixed" prize fight involving a friend of Cohen and in telephone calls made by Cohen to a West Palm Beach (Fla.) gambler.

Meanwhile, police last night arrested Mike Howard, 35, Cohen's top lieutenant. Police said they found a revolver in his house and another one in the cafe he operates for Cohen. Howard, an ex-convict, is denied legal possession of a gun.

A Federal grand jury also was in on the arrest of Howard and seized some white tablets and powder which were sent to a laboratory for analysis.

Howard was booked on suspicion of violation of the State narcotics act. Of the arrest, Chief of Police William A. Worton, ex-marine corps general, said it was the first in a "revived war on hoodlums."

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date 8-24-49

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN

DATE: August 25, 1949

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

In a clipping from the Evening Star dated August 24, 1949, it is noted that [REDACTED]

The only reference to this located in the Bureau files appears in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated June 17, 1949, at New York, which report reflects the results of a check as to the identity of the subscribers of several New York telephone numbers. This report made reference to Los Angeles letters to New York dated August 28, 1948, October 13, 1948 and November 16, 1948. No record could be located that copies of these communications were sent to the Bureau. 62-89947-14

By letter of June 21, 1949, the Los Angeles Division made reference to the June 17 report of Agent [REDACTED] and advised that the report concerned a research matter in which letters were directed to New York to ascertain the identity of some telephone subscribers for the benefit of a crime survey program in the Los Angeles area. A copy of this letter was designated for the New York Office and it is noted that Los Angeles instructed that further reports need not be submitted by the New York Office in the matter. The Los Angeles letter further reflected that the Bureau would be advised of any pertinent facts developed. 62-89947-15

No further reference to the matter could be located in the files.

ACTION

None. The above is for your information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. LADD *sh*

FROM : Mr. ROSEN *sh*

SUBJECT: MICHAEL MICKEY COHEN  
RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES - LOS ANGELES DIVISION  
CRIME SURVEY

DATE: August 19, 1949

*W. J. [unclear]*

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

PURPOSE:

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To advise that no information concerning Agents of the Los Angeles Division [REDACTED] **b7C**

[REDACTED] has been furnished to the Bureau. Neither was the Bureau advised that daily logs of a technical surveillance installed on Cohen's residence [REDACTED] were being furnished to the Los Angeles Office and a photostatic copy made thereof although the Los Angeles Office had advised that the Los Angeles Police Department had a technical surveillance on the residence of Cohen. Two technical surveillances on the home and business telephones of Cohen were installed by the Bureau in 1946 and a microphone surveillance was maintained [REDACTED] from March to June of 1949. The technical on Cohen's business telephone was discontinued on December 4, 1946 and the technical on his home telephone on January 31, 1947 after they failed to develop evidence indicating a Federal violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction. The microphone surveillance [REDACTED] was discontinued for the same reason on June 21, 1949.

None of the information received through the above surveillances has been disseminated outside the Bureau.

DETAILS:

With reference to the occasion in 1947 when Cohen moved to his present address it is noted that the Bureau's files reflect that no information was received to the effect that Agents of the Los Angeles Office had [REDACTED] **b7C**

The Bureau was likewise not advised of the contemplated installation of a technical surveillance on Cohen's telephone at this address by the Los Angeles Police Department. In the Crime Survey Report of the Los Angeles Division dated April 15, 1947 some information concerning Cohen was reported to have been received from Confidential Informant [REDACTED] identified elsewhere in the report as [REDACTED] **b2 b7D b7C**

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Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

Additional information concerning Cohen was likewise reported to have been received from Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

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On October 8, 1947 in a letter relating to the killing of "Bugsy" Siegel from the Los Angeles Office considerable information furnished by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] to the Los Angeles Division concerning the killing of Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel the Los Angeles Office incidentally mentioned that [REDACTED] had maintained a microphone surveillance on Cohen's home for many months previous. Later on February 18, 1948 in a letter relating to Arizona political gang tie ups [REDACTED] furnished fragmentary information concerning political and police tie ups with organized crime in Arizona which the Los Angeles Division identified as having been received through a physical and technical surveillance of Mickey Cohen in Los Angeles [REDACTED]. The Los Angeles letter of October 8, 1947 indicates that information was taken from a surveillance log for April 30, 1947 [REDACTED] but the briefness of this information indicates that probably not more than one log was involved. There is no indication that daily logs of the Cohen tap were being furnished to the Los Angeles Office [REDACTED] and the Bureau was never advised that this was the case. (62-81518, serial 517) (62-75147, sub 26, serial 234)

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None of the above information was ever disseminated.

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BUREAU AUTHORIZED TECHNICALS AND MICRIPHONE  
SURVEILLANCES ON COHEN [REDACTED]

By letter of May 3, 1946 the Los Angeles Division advised that Cohen's apartment was burglarized March 15, 1946 and approximately \$10,000 in furs and jewelry were stolen. Cohen refused to sign a complaint and the Beverly Hills Police Department conducted no investigation. It was also pointed out that Cohen's financial condition was then precarious and it was believed possible that he had arranged for the commission of the burglary in order to secure funds through the sale of [REDACTED] property without her knowing of his financial difficulties. The Los Angeles Office also furnished information reflecting Cohen's association with [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles area, and the fact that Cohen was suspected of being implicated in gang killings. The Los Angeles Office requested authorization for the installation of a technical surveillance on Cohen at his office, 141 1/2 North Labrea, and at his home 9938 1/2 Robbins Drive, Beverly Hills, California. (87-5614 Ser. 1) b7c

A memorandum dated May 10, 1946 was directed to the Attorney General setting forth the above information concerning Cohen and authority was requested for the installation of technical surveillances on Cohen's phones as listed above. This memorandum was returned on May 13 with the following notation: "O.K. TCC 5/13/46 DCC". (87-5614 Ser. 2)

The technical installation on Cohen's residence phone and on the telephone at his place of business was installed by the Los Angeles Office on May 24, 1946. (87-5614 Ser. 4) b7c

Through the surveillances it was ascertained that Cohen was in contact with [REDACTED] to seek [REDACTED] help in ascertaining why the police department was raiding Cohen. Cohen made presents of liquor and nylon stockings to [REDACTED] in exchange for promises of his help. (87-5614 Ser. 5)

It was also revealed through the surveillances that Cohen was in contact with some of the better known call houses in Hollywood obtaining prostitutes for himself and his friends. It was also disclosed that he was engaged in the operation of a gambling establishment called the Dancara Stock Farms. (87-5614 Ser. 10)

On December 4, 1946 the technical surveillance on Cohen's place of business, 141 1/2 Labrea, was discontinued due to the closing of that same address. (87-5614 Ser. 14)

The surveillance on Cohen's home was continued in connection with the investigation entitled "Reactivation of the Capone Gang", (87-5614 Ser. 13) and the investigation concerning the activities of Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel. (62-81518) b7c Generally the information developed by this surveillance in connection with the matters just mentioned related to Cohen's association with prominent members of the underworld including [REDACTED] Los Angeles gambler, Jack Dragna, Siegel and others. (62-81518 Ser. 428; 62-81093-26 Ser. 95; 62-81093-26 Ser. 88; 62-81093-26 Ser. 67; 62-81518 Ser. 400)

No information indicating a Federal violation on the part of Cohen or his associates was developed as a result of this surveillance on his home telephone and as a result the Los Angeles Office was instructed to discontinue the surveillance and the installation was removed January 31, 1947. (62-81518 Ser. 379, 371 and 47)

The files do not indicate the identity of the Agents who installed and operated the above surveillances. It is also noted that information received through the surveillances was not disseminated outside the Bureau.

A microphone was installed [REDACTED] on March 29, 1949. This surveillance which was approved by the Director, was placed [REDACTED] after information had been received by the Los Angeles Division indicating that Cohen and his associates were using [REDACTED] as a possible base of operations for illegal activities of an interstate nature. (62-89947 Ser. 2, 3, 6) **b7c**

This installation proved unproductive due to bickering between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which prevented the use of [REDACTED] by Cohen and his other henchmen and was accordingly discontinued June 21, 1949. (62-89947 Ser. 12 and 20) **b7c**

This file does not reflect the identity of the Agents who handled the installation or this surveillance. It is also noted that none of the information appearing in this file has been disseminated outside the Bureau.

ACTION:

None. The above is submitted for your information.

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**SAC LOS ANGELES**

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
September 6, 1949

Director, FBI

Re: MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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DATE 7/28/92 BY 8226 Jmt/bce/pl

Dear Sir:

The following information was volunteered to an agent during the discussion of a Bureau case by AUSA ERNEST A. TOLIN and is furnished for your information.

AUSA TOLIN states his office declined Federal prosecution of [redacted] as a matter of policy and the policy has since changed and each case is considered on its own merits. Accordingly, he contemplates reopening this case and presenting it within the next few days before the statute of limitations runs out.

The USA's office has instructed the ATU to review every case they have previously presented on which prosecution has been declined, in order that each case can be examined on its own merit.

Any further developments will be brought to the Bureau's attention.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD  
SAC

AIR MAIL



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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: THE VIGILANTES

DATE: August 23, 1949

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓

INFORMATION CONCERNING

MICKEY COHEN

On August 23, 1949 I received a telegram sent in Los Angeles, reading, "VIGILANTES RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS YOUR PARTICIPATION AT CITIZENS MASS MEETING PATRIOTIC HALL, 8 PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH. PLEASE WIRE ACCEPTANCE"

I telephoned Mr. LADD at the Bureau and then talked to Mr. TOLSON with respect to this matter, and complying with instructions did not send a letter in response to this telegram. I had [redacted] telephone [redacted] that I was unable to attend the meeting. [redacted] said that he presumed that I would not be able to attend, but that the telegram had been sent in good faith. He said there was no complaint about the FBI and that he is the [redacted]

As of possible interest to the Bureau, I am enclosing news clippings from the Mirror and Los Angeles Express dated August 24, 1949.

Information concerning [redacted] is set out in Los Angeles report of SA [redacted] dated September 13, 1944 in the case of [redacted] where on page 3 he is listed as [redacted]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES  
 SUBJECT: LICKY COHEN

DATE: AUGUST 30, 1949

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Mr. Tolson .....  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
 Mr. Clegg .....  
 Mr. Glavin .....  
 Mr. Ladd .....  
 Mr. Nichols .....  
 Mr. Rosen .....  
 Mr. Tracy .....  
 Mr. Harbo .....  
 Mr. Mohr .....  
 Tele. Room .....  
 Mr. Nease .....

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It is not believed desirable to conduct any investigation in connection with this matter at the present time.

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BARNEY RUDITSKY has been interviewed, and the circumstance referred to is no doubt the same situation

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Los Angeles, California  
August 30, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: MICKEY COHEN

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Mohr	.....
Tele. Room	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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On August 29th [REDACTED]  
telephonically informed me that although it does not appear on the transcript  
of testimony taken by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

There is nothing in the transcript concerning this and it is  
submitted at this time as a matter of information.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. HOOD, SAC

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Los Angeles, California  
August 30, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: MICKEY COHEN

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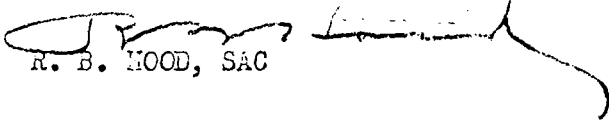
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Respectfully submitted,

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R. B. HOOD, SAC

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FROM

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO  
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

See Me \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Note and \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
For Your Recommendation ( )  
What are the facts? ( )  
Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

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Mr. Tolson ☒ ( )  
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August 31, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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DATE 7/20/88 BY 8824 JMC/HCE/gk RE: MICKEY COHEN

At 10:35 A.M. on August 31st, [REDACTED] of Los Angeles County telephonically requested an appointment and soon thereafter he appeared at the office, accompanied by [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Police Department who is assisting [REDACTED] in his present inquiries into the unauthorized release of information from the Police Department files.

[REDACTED] stated that the reason he called on me was because in testimony presented [REDACTED] which information is not contained in the written transcript, it was stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No discussion was entered into in connection with [REDACTED] inasmuch as [REDACTED] indicated his sole interest was concerning the release of the information.

[REDACTED] stated that he appreciated the information furnished him and it was at variance with what [REDACTED] had stated, [REDACTED]

It was learned that the information that has been released contained data from the COHEN logs up until April 18, 1948. [REDACTED] was informed that this office was not advised when the surveillance was actually terminated but that he could rest assured no unauthorized information had come from this office [REDACTED]

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I assured [REDACTED] that if I could be of assistance to him, I would and expressed my appreciation for his handling the matter in this fashion. He indicated that the future scope of his investigation would be with several police officers who are presently unavailable and with several underworld characters and also with the newspapers who have published this information.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
R. B. HOOD, SAC.

FROM

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: MICKEY COHEN

Reference is made to items appearing in the local press on August 18th and 19th relative to Federal authorities conducting investigations in connection with COHEN's activities. The press attributed to U. S. Attorney CARTER the statement to the effect that there is already sufficient evidence in the recordings available to ask for an indictment against one member of the COHEN mob.

I have discussed this matter with CARTER and he states that this is not so; that he merely told the press he was studying the records for whatever potential they may have. He stated that he did have one possible Falsely Claiming Citizenship case against one member of the group. *b7c*

\_\_\_\_\_ Apparently this is the case that he referred to.

The press also stated that five separate agencies of the Federal Government are working on this matter, adding that the U. S. Attorney can move under these laws: "The Income Tax Laws, the Mann Act, the Dyer Act, the Stolen Property Act, Federal Gun Laws, Customs Laws and the very far-reaching and comprehensive False Information Laws." I specifically asked U. S. Attorney CARTER on this date if from any of his sources there was any specific indication of a violation of any of the above laws which are within our jurisdiction and he stated definitely that there was not. He remarked that the press was wrong again in this, for what he had done was to name some of the various Federal Statutes that might be considered as of possible application to this case. He states he also emphasized the very limited jurisdiction that the Federal Government has in such a matter and also enumerated the specific laws to which such inquiries had to be confined. *to*

He stated that we were free to look over the file that he and Special Assistant to the Attorney General MAX GOLDSHEIN had prepared when the latter was here. Specific authority in this regard, as well as to any other materials that CARTER might have, is being requested of Mr. Ladd. *b7c b7d*

It has not been possible to see \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMO FOR THE DIRECTOR  
Re: MICKEY COHEN

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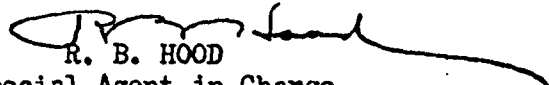
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[REDACTED] he learned that [REDACTED] had mentioned this situation to President TRUMAN while he was in the Capital in connection with the housing situation and asked the President that the FBI be permitted to conduct investigations into the local situation. The President informed him that he could not do so as the FBI lacked jurisdiction; however, he would see that all of the Federal agencies in this area rendered any possible assistance to the local authorities.

[REDACTED] advised me that he is contemplating a trip to the East in the next week or two and he would like very much to see you there. He is not aware of the fact that you are still on the West Coast and he asked if I would inquire if you would be available there in about two weeks. I told him I would furnish him an answer later. Your instructions in connection with this matter are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
R. B. HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

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See Mr. [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Los Angeles, California  
August 25, 1949

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RE: MICKEY COHEN

There is quoted below a portion of the testimony of [REDACTED] taken on August 24, 1949, concerning matters of interest to the FBI:

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2   11   Q   During the time you were [REDACTED] and during a period of time commencing approximately April 12, 1949, and continuing until on or about April 29th or sometime in May, 1948, there was, according to information received and taken in this inquiry, a microphone set-up in the home of MICKEY COHEN on Marino Avenue in the city of Los Angeles, you were aware of that installation?

A   Yes sir, [REDACTED]

16   Q   And [REDACTED] order it?

A   I couldn't even approximate the dates, but I'm sure the one that you have given there is correct.

18   Q   Well, the date I have given you, [REDACTED] was the date the listening post started. I understand from testimony previously taken, that the arrangements for the installation were made sometime previous.

A   I don't think it was too long previous.

21   Q   With whom did you discuss...

A   We made the installation, or the installation was made, rather, and connected up and it was, it was a little while before we [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] you mean the listening post?

22   Q   And with whom did you discuss the matter of making the installation?

3   1   A   [REDACTED]

3   2   Q   Did you discuss it with [REDACTED]

A   I wouldn't be sure, [REDACTED] I can't, I don't know, but at the time it was installed whether I did or not, I know that through [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] knew of the installation, and I believe assisted him, [REDACTED] so it is possible that I did.

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3 5 Q [REDACTED] has since retired or resigned, which?

A Retired.

7 Q So that he is, he is now a pensioner from the police department on retirement?

A Yes sir.

8 Q What instructions did [REDACTED] give [REDACTED] with respect to the installation of this microphone?

A Well, we had received information that COHEN was buying this house out there, and that it was, I believe, there was some repairs going on at that time, so there was a discussion concerning it and it was agreed that a microphone would be installed [REDACTED]

13 Q Then [REDACTED] was, so far as you [REDACTED] was concerned.

A Yes sir.

15 Q And, so far as you know, [REDACTED] that the installation of the microphone was made?

A Yes sir.

17 Q The purpose of obtaining the information was, generally, what?

A To get a line on the activities of MICKEY COHEN, we had much reliable information that he was interested in many illegal activities and would put in there for the purpose of getting the information as to his activities and associations.

4 15 Q Now, was [REDACTED] advised of the installation?

A Not at first, he was however later on.

16 Q Do you know whether or not he received information from [REDACTED] or you or any one else in connection with the listening post?

A Yes, I'm sure that I discussed some of the information with him a time or two and I'm of the opinion that [REDACTED] discussed it with him when I wasn't there.

5 13 Q To your knowledge, what officers of the police department other than those who listened on the listening post had copies of the notes made by the officers who were assigned to the listening post?

A The only copies I ever knew or heard of, the only ones I supposed were ever made were the three copies, [REDACTED]

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- 8 19 Q Did you hear prior to the publication of this material in the newspapers that the Times in Los Angeles and the Chronicle in San Francisco had copies?
- A No, sir, I did not.
- 22 Q Had you heard that any federal agency had any copies of this material?
- A No, sir.
- 9 7 Q And it was your understanding during all of this operation that the official copies were in a secure place in some place in the Police Department official offices?
- A I don't remember of making any specific inquiry as to where they were kept, but I just took it for granted that they would be. That's the procedure that is always followed. **b7c**
- 10 24 Q You had no information prior to the time [REDACTED] that any of the confidential records of the Department had been disclosed either to the press or any individual outside of the Police Department who was not in an official capacity?
- A No, sir. No positive information. I told you the one answer, that was when [REDACTED] having told him that MICKEY COHEN had a copy of them, but I could get no verification of that, other than that I had no idea that there was any information out.
- 12 2 [REDACTED] I will add there that the operation out there was discontinued because of the fact that some way or other too many people were getting to know about it, but not interested directly in the operation, and I understood [REDACTED] had information that COHEN was looking for this bug in his house [REDACTED] had it stopped. It had long outlived the life of one of those installations anyway.

There is set forth below portions of the testimony of [REDACTED] taken on August 24, 1949, as of interest to the FBI:

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- 2 19 Q Prior to April 12, 1947, according to testimony we've heard here, a microphone was established in the home of one MICKEY COHEN at 513 Marino Street, West Los Angeles. Were you aware of that installation?
- A I was. **b7c**
- 22 Q And the microphone, or rather that microphone, was connected with the listening post in a motel in that neighborhood, is that correct?
- A It was. I wouldn't say it was in the immediate neighborhood, [REDACTED]
- 25 Q In the general vicinity?
- A Yes. The reason I made that statement was as far as publication in the newspaper, it left the impression it was the property.

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3 1 right to the rear, which I thought was very bad for those people, naming [REDACTED] -- the listening post was not in that locality. That's the reason I made that remark. b7C

4 Q When did you first have any discussion, if you had any, with anyone concerning the installation of the microphones?

A The first discussion I had was [REDACTED]

7 Q Let's take the date of April 12th, which, according to the information we have received from [REDACTED] is the date on which the listening commenced. How long prior to April 12, 1947, did you have your discussion [REDACTED] b7C

A Several weeks before that. I believe it was during the latter part of February we had the discussion.

10 Q Generally, and not in too much detail, what was the nature of that discussion? b7C

A [REDACTED] informed me he had learned that MICKEY COHEN had purchased property at this location -- 513 Marino Avenue -- and that he had checked the property and there was going to be some alterations made in the house and additions built to it and there was some discussion that it should be bugged and, of course, we made no decision at that time.

15 Q Did you discuss it with [REDACTED] b7C

A We did. We discussed the deal with [REDACTED] and it was decided -- he asked us to go ahead and make installation.

17 Q In other words, [REDACTED] to make an installation if it could be made?

A He did.

19 Q Were you present at the time the installation with the microphone was made?

A No. All men that were known in a general sort of way to MICKEY COHEN or any of his cohorts out there remained away from the job so we could keep the installations as secret as possible so the presence of anybody he knew wouldn't cause suspicion on his part, because we were in the neighborhood. Therefore, we did not appear on the job or have anything to do with the actual installation.

Q The installation was, in fact, made, according to [REDACTED] information, b7C

A [REDACTED]

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4 2 Q That installation was made prior to the completion of the repairs and alterations that were being made in MICKEY COHEN's home?

A They were.

8 14 Q Was it your understanding in [REDACTED] discretion [REDACTED] might determine when information might be passed on to the District Attorney's Office?

A [REDACTED] could make a determination of that nature, yes.

17 Q Do you have any opinions as to why it was not passed on to this office?

A Well, I could voice my own personal opinions, yes.

19 Q I'd like to have it.

A If you will notice that we did take some other recordings, at 141 1/2 North LaBrea, more or less been informed of throwing reflection upon your office, [REDACTED]

22 Q I don't care about that.

A But we picked up conversations there, I believe it you will peruse the notes there, it will indicate that MICKEY COHEN made the statement that he could take care of things in the D.A.'s office. Nevertheless, whether it was true or not, it was said.

9 1 Q I have never seen any of the transcripts of the recordings, that came from the listening post at LaBrea.

A And we had some other things that were passed on, and things that were heard that more or less, further reflections, and we have been having so much difficulty in the past, he had discovered three previous bugs that we had put on, the man had become bug conscious.

5 Q Did you attribute the fact that he had discovered three previous bugs to any misconduct or information that came out of this office?

10 1 A No, I won't attribute it to that. We had other reasons to believe that the man was being informed and advised, and for that reason of doing so much work, I had eighteen months of work knocked out from under me, because the man had been informed that there was a leak, and because of this heartbreaking effort practically resulted in failure. When we started this operation, all of us, [REDACTED] particularly, that I know, talked about it. We had an intense determination to keep to an absolute minimum as to who knew about it to keep it as secret as possible.

6 Q I am not talking about the secrecy of your installation. I am talking about the lack of information that came here. I am going to ask you frankly whether the failure to furnish information

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- 10 8 concerning the installation of 513 Marino, to the District Attorney's Office was due to the fact that you had previously acquired, either by reason of microphone installation or otherwise, information, which led you to believe that this office or any employee of it was in any sense connected with MICKEY COHEN or dishonest in the conduct of the office?
- A No, that wasn't the reason entirely, no.
- 12 Q Was that a partial reason?
- A Yes.
- 13 Q In other words, from what you heard over the listening post on La Brea, you felt that the District Attorney's Office or some member of it was dishonest?
- A Not entirely over the listening post at LaBrea. There were other matters.
- 16 Q What led you to that conclusion?
- A The manner of prosecution of some of the men, some of MICKEY COHEN's men, that had been arrested. The evident leniency shown all the way through. All added up to one of those things. It doesn't mean we thought we had information for your office, for a prosecution, sufficient to prosecute a felony. If we would have brought it, this was the only office we would have brought it to; as far as your office was concerned, we would keep absolute secrecy so we could develop the case, if possible.
- 22 Q Let me get back to the information. As I understand, you made it clear, as far as you were concerned, you used the word "we", I take that to mean the other members of your squad believed that someone in this office or myself was dishonest in so far as the prosecution of MICKEY COHEN or his associates were concerned. Is that a clear interpretation of your statement?
- A I wouldn't want to interpret it that strongly, [REDACTED] b7c
- 11 1 Q Just how do you interpret it?
- A I interpret it this way - that we had an investigation on and that we were going to be extremely careful so as few people as possible would know it. We wouldn't tell anyone, which excluded your office. If we had that information, we would have brought it. "Here you have sufficient information for prosecution." I can relate an instance that doesn't mean that I am trying to interpret or come to the conclusion that you were dishonest or that any particular member of your office was dishonest. It was a matter in 1946 or 1947 where we had a situation - a gambling situation - that existed.

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14 17 Q Was it the general practice of the Vice Squad, [REDACTED] to have confidential files kept by members of the squad in their homes and in their automobiles?

A To a certain degree, yes. I was told to keep certain of these things [REDACTED] not to be put in the files of the Police Department.

16 9 Q Well, what protection was afforded the files when you were absent from your home?

A Other than they were in the home locked in the desk.

11 Q And you considered that that was a secure and safe place for them to be when you were absent from your home?

A It was much safer than the Administrative Vice office with the facilities we had.

Following are portions of the testimony of [REDACTED] taken on August 25, 1949, as of interest to the FBI:

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2 23 Q I understood you to testify also, yesterday, Lieutenant, that one of the reasons why records, transcripts of the notes obtained over the listening post in connection with COHEN'S residence were kept by you out of the department was because of lack of facilities for properly securing them and locking them up?

A It was, I wonder if I could make an explanation?

3 2 Q It would be very happy to have you explain anything.

A It might clarify this situation...we were doing a job where we ....where we had an intense determination to keep this a secret operation. The operation was [REDACTED] installation to be made out there, and he stressed how careful we, [REDACTED] should be in keeping it a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] notes too

[REDACTED] that [REDACTED] in the master squad and [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Police Department. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] how he kept them, I don't know, but going back to the copies [REDACTED] let no one see them except when [REDACTED] wanted to see them or

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something [redacted] wanted to call to his attention. [redacted] went to [redacted] or [redacted] and sometimes if there was something of importance we would discuss it. [redacted] would then be called [redacted]

[redacted] They sometimes produced the notes themselves out of this book, and he stressed from time to time that we were to be careful; that nobody would get the contents of those notes. I had no place to leave the notes in my office. We had no files; showing the shortage of facilities here that I was working under, we had 40 to 50 men and were working from — we had two rooms.....We lacked facilities where we could keep a secret file. I believe I can verify what I say....that part of the files, these package files of certain people, were removed from our records bureau in the City Attorney's Office....some of the deputies in the City Attorney's Office....said they lost cases, case files; and the funny part was that it was always connected with this gang of MICKEY COHEN's activities.... Those notes for safety sake I kept myself. I kept in my automobile or I took them home when I didn't have the automobile because... I'll make it known to this office, I don't want it known on the outside though — that much of my work that I did in writing reports were in longhand and I did at home. The confidential reports I did at home, because I didn't have the facilities to do that secretly in my office.... We leased the line [redacted] and it was inactive in 1949 and 1948. Then later in 1949 [redacted] set out to check the line and bug and we found it was gone and still hot and active. [redacted] were to re-enactivate a listening post at that time.... [redacted]....applied for a leased line in this particular location and the telephone company did not have the facilities and we never activated a listening post until later.... He suddenly sent a call to me to have the police detail....remove our cable, our shielded copper line which came underground from MICKEY COHEN's premises to this pole which was associated with the telephone company.... We went out that night and disconnected the wire without incident..... My investigation was active until then all the time and I had this information all the time and I had no place that I would leave those things to keep them secret. ....They certainly weren't filed in the Police Department anywhere.

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Do you know from what car or police automobile those extra sheets were recovered?

A They told me that officer or [redacted] found these in a car - in a police car [redacted]

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- 14 10 Q I don't suppose you know of your own knowledge, or do you? --  
to what member of the department that car had previously been  
assigned? b7c  
A I understood it had previously been driven by [REDACTED]
- 19 12 Q Now, just one more question. You are also quoted in substance  
as having in your analysis of this whole thing said, "That it  
boils down to three persons, that is, referring to where the  
leak could have come from, [REDACTED] You  
were substantially correct in that, were you?  
A I made that statement [REDACTED] I imagine there was  
reference made when the newspaper men were -- It could boil down,  
to my knowledge, I am sure it was correct there were only [REDACTED]  
people that ever could have had any of that conference, transcribed  
notes, in their hands, that was [REDACTED]
- 19 18 Q And to conclude this interrogation, unless someone else wants to  
ask a question, so far as you are concerned you neither authorized  
or permitted any copies of your notes or records to be made?  
A Absolutely not.
- 19 21 Q And you permitted no photostats or photographs to be made?  
A I did not.
- 19 22 Q And those records were never out of your possession [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED]  
A That is correct.

There are set forth below portions of the testimony of [REDACTED]  
taken on August 25, 1949:

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- 2 8 Q Do you recall the circumstance of the installation of a microphone  
in the home of MICKEY COHEN at 513 Marino Drive sometime during the  
month of or prior to April, 1947.  
A I don't recall the exact date, but I recall the discussion.
- 2 10 Q You were told that such an installation had been made?  
A I was told that they were trying to make such an installation and  
I was told that it had been accomplished. b7c
- 12 Q And by whom were you told?  
A [REDACTED]

There are set forth below portions of the testimony of [REDACTED]  
taken on August 25, 1949:

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2 1 Q And had you ever been employed by the Los Angeles Police  
Department to make recordings?

A Yes sir, I have.

3 Q Directing your attention specifically to 141½ North La Brea  
Avenue,

A [REDACTED]

6 2 Q Now, departing for a moment from the La Brea recording and  
directing your attention to what we have all read in the news-  
papers about a microphone set up at 513 Marino in the home of  
MICKEY COHEN?

A Oh, yes.

5 Q Did you or any of your men have anything to do with the making  
of that set up?

A No, sir, we did not.

7 14 Q Was there any suggestion made by him that you might be employed  
by him or MICKEY COHEN in connection with any of MICKEY's  
operations?

A [REDACTED]

7 17 Q When did that take place approximately?

A That was either right afterward or just previous to that. It  
was one of the times -- I guess about three or four jobs in  
[REDACTED] office for [REDACTED] which was a civil case --  
not a civil case. [REDACTED]

21 Q You mean [REDACTED] was?

A No, [REDACTED]

23 Q [REDACTED]

A Yes, and [REDACTED] at that time was working for [REDACTED] and  
he wanted to make several telephone calls and wanted [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] so he could get the witnesses that he thought  
would be willing to testify for him and that's how I originally  
met [REDACTED]

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- 8 2 Q Well, now, [REDACTED] was that in the nature of a telephone tap?
- A No. That is [REDACTED] you put under your phone and make a call out and record the conversation.
- 4 Q I see. Now, tell us more in detail just what he said to you about MICKEY COHEN [REDACTED]
- A Well, he explained to me that it would be a wonderful opportunity and that I didn't have near as many friends in the police department as I thought I did and a lot of those that I trusted could not be trusted and that was about the total substance of it.
- 9 Q Did he indicate in any way, [REDACTED] what type [REDACTED]
- A Nothing, other than [REDACTED] He didn't say where — whether it was his office, because I immediately told him I wasn't interested in it and a little later on — a week or two later, [REDACTED]

Respectfully submitted,

  
R. B. HOOD, SAC

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN  
Information Concerning

DATE: August 30, 1949

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[REDACTED] telephonically advised me on August 26th that COLLIER'S MAGAZINE desired to have a first-person story from MICKEY COHEN and COHEN agreed to do this. COLLIER'S undoubtedly was going to pay COHEN exceptionally well but the latter's attorney was of the opinion that it would cast reflection on the Los Angeles Police Department and, therefore, it was questionable if it should be done. COLLIER'S MAGAZINE has now decided against it for that reason.

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Miss Gandy	✓

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cc Mr. Brown

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
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August 25, 1949

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Director, FBI

Re: MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Re San Diego letter, 8/22/49, captioned Crime Survey, San Diego Division, Research Matters, address to Los Angeles, cc to Salt Lake City.

For the Bureau's information this letter sets forth that [redacted] advised that captioned individual was rapidly losing his prestige in the Los Angeles area in view of recent unfavorable publicity. Informant alleged that the real power behind COHEN'S rapid rise was [redacted] who has financed many of COHEN'S enterprises during the past 4 years. The informant doubted that [redacted] had been officially listed as a partner in any such enterprises. The informant gave as his opinion the fact that many of COHEN'S former associates who have remained loyal up to the present time because of fear, would now talk to Federal officials if properly approached. The informant at this time felt he was not in a position to furnish the names of such persons, but offered his services in identifying such persons if the Federal Government contemplated interviewing any of COHEN'S henchmen at this time.

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The informant also stated that the recent publicity concerning recordings made in COHEN'S home indicated officials were mystified as to the identities of some of the persons mentioned by their first or nicknames. Informant advised that if the FBI was interested in this matter and desired to ascertain the identities of such persons he would be happy to cooperate in assisting in such identifications.

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No action is being taken by this office in connection with this matter and none is recommended to either of the offices receiving copies of this letter at the present time unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD  
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AIR MAIL

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

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Mr. Glavin ☐  
Mr. Ladd ☒ *[initials]*  
Mr. Nichols ☒ *[initials]*  
Mr. Rosen ☐  
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Mr. Nease ☐  
Miss Gandy ☐

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For Your Recommendation ☐  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California  
August 26, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: MICKEY COHEN

There is set forth below portions of the quoted testimony of [REDACTED] taken on August 25, 1949, concerning matters of interest to the FBI:

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2 6 Q Directing your attention to the year 1947, are you familiar with the fact that commencing as of April 12th of that year a listening post was set up in the vicinity or neighborhood of 513 Marino Avenue, Brentwood?

A Yes, sir.

9 Q And the microphone to which the listening post was attached was located in the home of MICKEY COHEN?

A It was.

11 Q Did you personally have anything to do with [REDACTED]

A [REDACTED]

3 12 Q Did you have anything to do with [REDACTED]

A [REDACTED]

20 Q And what was done [REDACTED]

A [REDACTED]

4 1 Q And do you know what became of those records? Are they still in the crime lab? INDEXED - 116 SEP 20 1949

A I looked for those records several days ago and was unable to find them at that time.

11 Q And where did you make your search for these [REDACTED]

A I looked in [REDACTED] and I have learned that since I left there [REDACTED] has been completely cleaned out and the records have been placed in a box. I have checked all of the records that were placed in that box and been unable to find any of those records.

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5 5 Q And who during the time [REDACTED] had access to the records that were kept there? By records I mean recordings.

A Well, the sound radio [REDACTED] had a door in it that was open during business hours, and I wouldn't know how many people might go through there.

8 Q And might pick out a record without anybody knowing about it?

A Yes. If we were — happened to be all out on call in the sound department.

16 Q You wouldn't know where they are?

A That's right.

18 Q Or they might have been removed and taken out and have disappeared so far as being in the police department is concerned?

A That's right.

There is set forth below portions of the quoted testimony of [REDACTED] taken on August 25, 1949, concerning matters of interest to the FBI:

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1 17 Q [REDACTED], it has been testified here that sometime in the year 1947 prior to the month of April, a microphone was installed in the home of MICKEY COHEN at 513 Marino and connected by cable and wire with a listening post in a motel in that general neighborhood. Are you familiar with the installation?

A Yes, sir.

21 Q [REDACTED]

A [REDACTED]

22 Q In the home?

A In the home.

24 Q And in what place in the home [REDACTED]

A [REDACTED] the microphone in the wood box in the — I guess you would call it the club room at the den — or the den at the back of the house.

2 1 Q That was during the time when repairs or alterations were being made to MICKEY COHEN's home?

A [REDACTED]

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- 4 1 Q Are you familiar with the system that was then in effect concerning with the keeping of the recordings, the filing or the index?
- A There was a file in the sound room in the locked room, for filing alphabetically.
- 5 Q Was the arrangement such that any member of the department could remove any of those recordings and later return them?
- A Well, only in the daytime, because the place is locked at night. Only if you had a key to the outside door.
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There is set forth below portions of the quoted testimony of [REDACTED] taken on August 25, 1949, concerning matters of interest to the FBI:

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- 3 4 Q When you say "chart" do you mean -- he [REDACTED] told you MICKEY COHEN had a set of papers which purported to be containing information obtained over the listening post?
- A That is right.

There is set forth below portions of the quoted testimony of [REDACTED] taken on August 25, 1949, concerning matters of interest to the FBI:

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- 1 20 Q Are you familiar with the fact that from the month of April, 1947, until the last of April, 1949, a listening post had been set up and connected with a microphone placed in the home of MICKEY COHEN at 531 Marino in Brentwood?
- A Yes.
- 23 Q Did you have anything to do with the installation of the equipment?
- A Nothing in the least, sir.
- 6 16 Q [REDACTED]
- A As I remember, there were three copies.
- 18 Q What did you do with them?
- A One was placed in an envelope for [REDACTED] and one for [REDACTED] and one for [REDACTED] to put in the files -- his files.
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Set forth below are portions of the quoted testimony of [REDACTED]  
taken on August 26, 1949, concerning matters of interest to the FBI:

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2      9    Q   Now, you say that you reported to [REDACTED]

A   [REDACTED]

14    Q   And do you know, is that a police car belonging to the City of  
Los Angeles or the Police Department?

A   Yes, it is.

16    Q   Do you know who had used that car prior to the time [REDACTED]

A   It had been used by [REDACTED] and other members of the  
detail.

3      3    Q   [REDACTED]

A   [REDACTED]

25    Q   [REDACTED]

A   [REDACTED]

4      1    [REDACTED]

4      6    Q   [REDACTED]

A   Yes, I have them there now.

8      Q   [REDACTED]

A   [REDACTED]

17    BY   [REDACTED]

Q   How long before [REDACTED]

A   Oh, probably two months.

5      21    Q   [REDACTED]

A   I believed it [REDACTED]

6      6    Q   Well, have you any explanation as to why [REDACTED]

A   I imagine — this is purely an assumption — [REDACTED] that  
[REDACTED] That's merely  
a presumption.

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- 7 8 Q You say you didn't discuss these [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] Tell us what conversation you did have with him?  
A I don't know of any definite conversation, but I do know he  
mentioned there were some [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Set forth below are portions of the quoted testimony of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] taken on August 26, 1949, concerning matters of interest to the FBI:

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- 1 18 Q It has been testified by the witnesses in this inquiry that  
sometime prior to April 19th, rather April 12, 1947 a bug was  
installed in the residence of MICKEY COHEN and connected with  
a listening post. Are you familiar with that set-up?  
A Yes, I am.

21 Q [REDACTED] b7C  
A [REDACTED]

22 Q [REDACTED]  
A [REDACTED]

Set forth below are portions of the quoted testimony of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] taken on August 26, 1949, concerning matters of interest to the FBI:

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- 1 24 Q And to what extent did you have knowledge?  
A I knew that there was such an arrangement. I didn't know the  
location of the listening post; I didn't know the location of  
COHEN's house, nor did I ever see any reports, nor did I know  
2 1 of any of the things heard except for one or two things that  
[REDACTED] told me of.  
2 Q In other words, the only information concerning the material  
received was one or two things that [REDACTED] told you?  
A That is right.  
4 Q And what were those two things, if you remember?  
A One of them was the occasion of his home being burglarized.  
[REDACTED] told me of the circumstances surrounding it.  
Q Of whose home?  
A Cohen's home.

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- 2 12 Q What did he tell you had been taken?  
A There were some jewels, as I recall, and he mentioned about the fact that a black book had been taken too.
- 14 Q Did he tell you how that black book came in the possession of the Police Department?  
A No, he didn't.
- 15 Q Did you know that it had come into the possession of the department?  
A Yes, I did.
- 16 Q How did you learn that?  
A Through [REDACTED] b7c
- 5 4 Q How many tape recordings were there?  
A I believe there were four.
- 5 Q How many platters were there?  
A I didn't count those until the morning [REDACTED] turned them over to your men and [REDACTED] I believe five or four. I don't know, five or four, I believe.
- 8 Q From your replaying of the tape, did those recordings have any reference whatever to the listening post or the microphone in LICKY COHEN's home?  
A No, they did not.
- 10 Q You don't know whether the platters did or not?  
A Except from hearsay.
- 11 Q What did you learn from hearsay?  
A They did not pertain to the COHEN listening post.
- 16 Q You don't. Some other police investigation?  
A Well, now, let me qualify. They pertain to conversation between [REDACTED] and this [REDACTED] b7c

Set forth below are portions of the quoted testimony of [REDACTED] taken on August 26, 1949, concerning matters of interest to the FBI:

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- 2 1 Q Had you heard rumors that it was?  
A I knew there was a listening post, but what I didn't know or who or where.

12 Q [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

2 15 Q One page or one set of notes?  
A I am not sure it was a page. I believe it was a set of notes.  
It may have been one or two pages.

19 Q They were typewritten notes?  
A Yes.

3 4 Q [REDACTED]  
A [REDACTED]

6 Q What did you do with the material after you had finished with it?  
A I placed the copy that [REDACTED] gave me, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in an envelope and gave it to him.

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Set forth below are portions of the quoted testimony of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] taken August 26, 1949, concerning matters of interest to the FBI:

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1 19 Q It has been testified here that from April 12, 1947, until  
about April 29, 1948, a listening post was set up in the City  
of Los Angeles, having been connected with a microphone which  
was installed in the home of MICKEY COHEN at 513 Marino. Are  
you familiar with the fact that such an installation was made?  
A At that time all I knew about it was rumor that a microphone  
had been built into the house, but I'd never sat on the listening  
post.

2 1 Q And do you remember how the information came to you?  
A No, I don't. It seems to be it was from one of the members of  
the gangster squad I was working on at that time.

4 Q [REDACTED]  
A [REDACTED]

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6 Q And what type of work were you doing?  
A [REDACTED]

7 Q Did you personally have anything to do with the installation of  
the microphone at MICKEY COHEN's place?  
A Not at his home.

9 Q [REDACTED]  
A [REDACTED]

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- 2 11 Q And when was that?  
A About June 9th or 10th, 1947.
- 15 Q Do you remember anything that you were told about the installation?  
A No. All I know is that I understood there was a mike in his house and they put the mike in the house while the house was being re-modeled.
- 3 3 Q Did you ever hear what material was obtained as a result of that set up?  
A No, I didn't.

Set forth below are portions of the testimony of [REDACTED] taken on August 26th, concerning matters of interest to the FBI: b7C

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- 2 2 Q Who was your commanding officer?  
A [REDACTED]
- 4 Q Were you informed by [REDACTED] or any member of that squad that such an installation had been made?  
A I was not.
- 6 Q Did you ever see in the possession of [REDACTED] or any other member of the [REDACTED] squad any papers which purported to be reports of material obtained over the listening post?  
A I did not.
- 8 Q And would that same answer be true of recordings either tape, disc or in any other form?  
A That is true.
- 10 Q You heard no discussion in the [REDACTED] squad concerning that matter?  
A I did not.

Set forth below are portions of the testimony of [REDACTED] taken on August 26, 1949, concerning matters of interest to the FBI: b7C

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- 2 5 Q You were not informed at the time the installation was made?  
A No. I didn't believe that I ever knew about it when it was begun.

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2 7 Q And your first information concerning it came as a result of [REDACTED] that arose when your advice was asked?

A That's right. It's at that time that I learned that the operation was for MICKEY COHEN. Prior to that time I had heard some discussion of the need for some waterproof cable, the digging of a long trench on what was termed the Santa Monica job, but I didn't connect that with MICKEY COHEN at the time.

11 Q Were you aware of the fact that in the sound department of the crime lab certain of the tape recordings were transferred or the material transferred to disc recordings?

A I was not [REDACTED]

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3 1 Q Then those records, five or six or however many there were of them have not been found or recovered as the result of the [REDACTED]

A No, they have not.

20 Q Have you ever seen what purports to be a transcript of notes taken by Officers stationed at the listening post?

A I have never seen or ever had in my possession any transcript of notes, any log notes or recordings made at that listening post until August 20, 1949, that's last Saturday at which time the so-called [REDACTED] records and all of the other records that I have described coupled with additional ones that from hearsay were turned over to [REDACTED] and were turned over to [REDACTED]

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4 22 Q What kind of a filing system do they have in the crime lab for preserving in a secure way the discs, tapes or what-have-you in connection with the recordings. It consists of a vertical rack in which Presto discs may be dropped into slots and cupboards

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4 24 in which recordings may be stacked. That is not under lock and key with exception of the door to the sound room being capable of being locked during the day time; as a general rule the office is open.

26 Q And there is an officer on duty?

A Well, there are employees of the lab in and out there and maybe occasionally that door is wide open and no one around outside of the front office or the chemical lab.

6 12 Q Have you ever seen any of the recordings that were taken in [REDACTED] laboratory as a result of that installation? b7c

A No, I haven't, [REDACTED]

7 10 Q It has been testified that [REDACTED] took the discs from the laboratory, from [REDACTED] laboratory after they were made. Do you have any knowledge as to what he may have done with those discs?

A I have not.

Set forth below are portions of the testimony of [REDACTED] taken August 26, 1949, concerning matters of interest to the FBI: b7c

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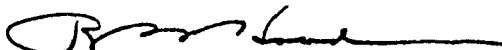
2 22 Q That is what I mean. What happened to the — both to the recordings that were made and the longhand notes that were taken?

A They were picked up by [REDACTED] about every 24 hours.

24 Q Did you ever see any of those notes after they had been picked up by [REDACTED]? b7c

A No, sir. I never did.

Respectfully submitted,

  
R. B. HOOD, SAC

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California

August 29, 1949

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Director, FBI

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DATE 7/20/92 BY 7224/30K/600/gh

RE: MICKEY COHEN, was.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Remylet dated August 24, 1949.

[REDACTED]  
has again been in touch with Special Agent [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7c b7d

The above information has not been divulged to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] nor to anyone else or  
any other agency. However, on this date, [REDACTED] was  
furnished, under the same conditions as before, the follow-up information  
as it is set out hereafter.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was very interested in this information and he then  
volunteered that yesterday one [REDACTED] whom he described as a  
[REDACTED] was phoned by an anonymous  
[REDACTED] abruptly suggested that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the Owl Cafe

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be interviewed because "they know all about the NEDDIE HERBERT killing. b7c b7D

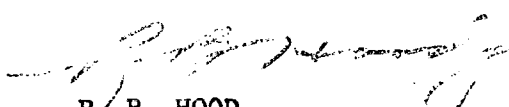
██████████ said he expects to send a couple of men to see ██████████ and to discreetly check out Red Mountain.

It is to be noted that ██████████ true name is ██████████. He is referenced in several Los Angeles files and the subject of Los Angeles files ██████████ and ██████████ ██████████

No inquiries are being made by this office.

The information furnished by ██████████ is voluntary and upon his initiative.

Very truly yours,

  
R. B. HOOD  
SAC

SAC, Los Angeles

PERSONAL ATTENTION  
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MICHAEL HUBERT COHEN, SAC.,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reurlets August 24, 25 and September 1, 1949.

In your referenced letter of September 1, 1949, it is noted that you have requested the Bureau to conduct a name search concerning [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] suspects in the recent Cohen shooting and that you have requested the Chicago and New York Offices to search their indices, the records of their respective police and sheriff's departments and to contact informants for identifying information concerning these three individuals which information is to be furnished to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office. **b7c**

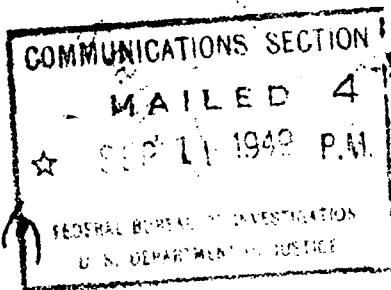
In view of the absence of Bureau jurisdiction in connection with the Cohen shooting it is not desired that any inquiries be made concerning the above persons because they are suspected of being responsible for the attack. On the basis of the information submitted in urlet of September 1 no identifiable information concerning [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] has been located in the Bureau's files. You may desire to so advise the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office and to suggest that any further requests be directed to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. **b7c**

You have previously been advised of the Bureau's desire to avoid involvement in any investigation of the shooting of Cohen. It is your personal responsibility to exercise appropriate care to assure also that we are not drawn into this matter collaterally through the making of inquiries for other agencies.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Los Angeles, California  
September 1, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

Director, FBI

Re: MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

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Remylets 8/24 and 8/29/49.

DATE 7/20/11 BY 1224/TJK/ST/rh

Referenced letter of 8/24/49 informed the Bureau, among other things, that [REDACTED] LASO, was advised of certain information regarding suspected slayers of NEDDIE HERBERT, COHEN henchman.

The LASO has instituted a highly active and presumably discreet investigation along this line, which investigation is being handled by [REDACTED] of their Homicide Detail and [REDACTED] of their Robbery Detail.

The LASO has had no previous information or records on the above three suspects and they are most desirous of obtaining whatever background, descriptive data and photographs that are available to the Bureau. In addition, they would like similar information on any known associates of the three because the shot guns that were used were purchased in San Diego, California, by person or persons unknown, and the Sheriff's men believe that such purchases were undoubtedly made by either the suspects themselves or some of their associates. Since the men are not known here, it is pre-



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sumed that any associates are also from some other part of the country, more likely from the Chicago area, since that is where [REDACTED] evidently originates from.

The Sheriff's investigators are dubious about using direct contact with any agencies other than the Bureau, fearing a leak. They are trying to keep this part of the investigation strictly discreet.

The Chicago and New York Offices are being requested by separate letter to search their indices, and if necessary the records of their respective Police and Sheriff's Departments, and any highly confidential informants they might deem appropriate, for identification of the three suspects. They are not, however, being asked to conduct any active investigation or to even make any other inquiries.

The Bureau is requested to expeditiously conduct a name search against the following:

[REDACTED] who is described as:

Age	Unknown
Height	[REDACTED]
Weight	[REDACTED]
Complexion	[REDACTED]
Eyebrows	[REDACTED]
Nose	[REDACTED]
Ears	[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] who is described as:

Age	Unknown
Height	[REDACTED]
Weight	[REDACTED]
Complexion	[REDACTED]
Characteristics	[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who is described as:

Age	Unknown
Height	[REDACTED]
Weight	[REDACTED]
Complexion	[REDACTED]
Eyes	[REDACTED]
Scars	[REDACTED]
Habits	[REDACTED]

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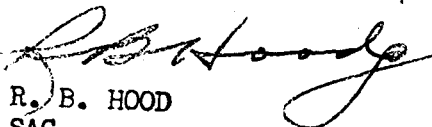
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The Bureau is also requested to furnish this office, for cooperation with the LASO, any photographs, identification records, and descriptions of the above, and any known associates of theirs.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] state that their investigation is being held in abeyance pending the outcome of the Bureau's efforts along this line, with the exception that [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

  
R. B. HOOD  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN  
FROM : J. J. MCCABE  
SUBJECT: MICHAEL COHEN, wa.  
MISCELLANEOUS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: September 15, 1949

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DATE 7/20/92 BY 224/line/die/11/5

ASAC Whelan, New York Division, was telephonically contacted and his attention called to the report of Special Agent [redacted] in the captioned matter dated at New York September 1, 1949 wherein three leads were set out for the New York Office at Poughkeepsie, New Rochelle, and New York. Mr. Whelan was advised that it was not desired that these leads be covered and that the case should be placed in a closed status and that the Bureau would so advise the Los Angeles Office.

## ACTION BEING TAKEN

A memorandum is being prepared to the Los Angeles Office advising of the reason for the investigation and advising that New York has been instructed to discontinue in the absence of an explanation from Los Angeles as to the Bureau's jurisdiction.

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SAC, Los Angeles

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Director, FBI

MICHAEL COHEN, wa,

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Receipt of SA [redacted] dated September 1, 1949 at New York.

In the absence of any apparent jurisdiction in this matter instructions have been issued to the New York Office to the effect that the leads set forth in the referenced report are not to be covered and the case is to be placed in a closed status.

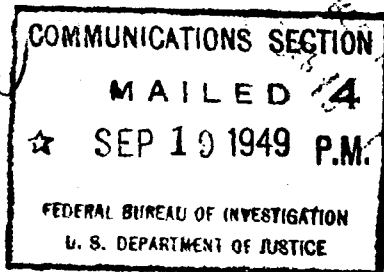
It is desired that you promptly advise the Bureau as to the basis for this investigation and as to whether there is any indication of a violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction. In the absence of such a violation you should immediately discontinue any inquiries in this matter.

cc - New York

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>SEP 1 1949</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/15, 18/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7C</b>
TITLE <b>MICHAEL COHEN, wa.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Telephone [REDACTED] formerly listed to [REDACTED] hoodlum. [REDACTED] listed to [REDACTED]

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of SA [REDACTED] 6/17/49, New York City: **b7C**

**DETAILS:**

The files of the New York Office reflect [REDACTED] is probably identical with [REDACTED] who has been mentioned in the [REDACTED] investigation as a [REDACTED] hoodlum. He should be well known to the Los Angeles Office.

The records of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, reflect telephone number [REDACTED] was formerly

listed to [REDACTED]. However, [REDACTED] reported that on December 8, 1948, this telephone number was issued to a new subscriber, [REDACTED] records show [REDACTED] is connected with [REDACTED]

In the letter from the Los Angeles Office to the New York Office dated October 13, 1948, [REDACTED] persons called in New York City, one listing was to [REDACTED]. However, [REDACTED] records show this number to be listed to [REDACTED]

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*Edward Scheidt*  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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According to [REDACTED] is listed to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The Los Angeles Office is in possession of information  
concerning [REDACTED]

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Will secure background information concerning individuals whose telephone numbers were furnished by the Los Angeles Office, which leads were set out in the reference report.

At New Rochelle, N. Y.

Will secure background information concerning individuals whose telephone numbers were furnished by the Los Angeles Office, which leads were set out in the reference report.

At Garden City, N. Y.

Will secure background information concerning individuals whose telephone numbers were furnished by the Los Angeles Office, which leads were set out in the reference report.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informant mentioned in  
the report of SA [REDACTED] dated September 1, 1949  
at New York, New York, is as follows:

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT *2-1*

*rlh*  
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES  
SUBJECT: MICHAEL COHEN, wa;  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 9/29/49

Re Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated September 16, 1949. *b7c*

Reference is made to report of SA [REDACTED] dated September 1 at New York.

It will be noted that on June 21, 1949, a letter was sent from Los Angeles to the Bureau with a carbon copy to New York in which attention was called to report of SA [REDACTED] dated June 17, 1949, at New York. At that time it was stated that a request of the New York Office was a research matter, and New York was directed to ascertain the identity of some telephone subscribers for the benefit of the crime survey program of the Los Angeles Office. At that time it was stated that it did not appear necessary that reports be submitted in this matter, and requests were forwarded to the New York Office by letter. *b7c*

There has been no indication of a Federal violation concerning the above-entitled individual; and pursuant to instructions as contained in letter of reference, this case is placed in a closed status and no further inquiries will be made in this matter.

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cc: New York (62-9929)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN

DATE: August 18, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd

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DATE 7/20/99 BY 8224 BAK/SCM/K

SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
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Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Mr. Nease	_____

SAC Hood called me and advised that [redacted] of Los Angeles had informed him that the [redacted]

[redacted] had informed [redacted] that he [redacted] had furnished copies of the log of the microphone surveillance on Mickey Cohen to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI. Mr. Hood stated that this was correct, that the logs in each instance had been returned [redacted] after the office had made a copy thereof and that the information developed had been of extreme value in connection with the crime survey reports.

[redacted] further advised Mr. Hood that [redacted] stated that two Bureau Agents had put the mike in [redacted] Mr. Hood stated that this was definitely not so; that the Los Angeles Office had learned that Cohen was moving from the country to the city and had so informed [redacted] as a matter of cooperation, that subsequently [redacted] had been introduced by the Los Angeles Office to [redacted] and that whatever arrangements were thereafter made [redacted] were unknown to the Bureau and that the Bureau had not participated therein.

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After informing Mr. Tolson of the facts, he suggested that Mr. Hood prepare a memorandum and transmit it to the Director and I telephonically instructed Mr. Hood to do so on the afternoon of August 26, 1949.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Los Angeles, California  
August 18, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: MICKEY COHEN

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DATE 7/20/98 BY 8224/SPK/EE/PL

[REDACTED] advised me on the evening of August 17th that he was conducting an investigation into the "leak" of information concerning the surveillance maintained by the department approximately two years ago on MICKEY COHEN and he has learned that some public official made available a copy of the transcript of the microphone conversations to U. S. Attorney JAMES M. CARTER or MAX GOLDSHEIN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who you will recall was here conducting prosecutions of certain Communist Party members for Contempt of Court and Perjury. GOLDSHEIN was identified for him as he did not know who he was. The Bureau was previously advised of GOLDSHEIN'S desire to conduct a Federal Grand Jury inquiry into local racketeering. From there the report was made available to GEORGE WHITE, described as head of the Federal Narcotic Service in San Francisco, and allegedly from him it went to the San Francisco Chronicle and the Los Angeles Times.

[REDACTED] inquired if I had any knowledge about what public official might have made it available and he specifically inquired if it were the - FBI. He was positively and emphatically assured that such was not the case under any circumstances.

It appears that quite possibly an [REDACTED] or officers of LAPD with whom CARTER is friendly, made the material available to him. He has never indicated to us that he possessed it.

[REDACTED] He was emphatically informed that this

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MEMOR FOR THE DIRECTOR  
RE: MICKEY COHEN

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was absolutely untrue as Agents had never installed any microphone in COHEN'S quarters at any address. He was advised that this office had learned COHEN was moving from the city of Beverly Hills into the city of Los Angeles and the address was furnished to [REDACTED] and he requested our assistance. [REDACTED] b7C b7D

[REDACTED] made his own arrangements and we do not know what they were and Agents did not participate in or observe the installations at any time and were not in the house [REDACTED] left it. The integrity of these Agents is without question and I am absolutely certain they did not assist in or make this installation. [REDACTED]

The above information has now been corrected by Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in that they both agree that [REDACTED] was not present after the initial interview with [REDACTED] and actually had no further knowledge [REDACTED] b7C

Thereafter for a period of several months, [REDACTED] furnished the Agents with transcripts of conversations reportedly received through this microphone, but there is no way to tell if they were furnished all of them as it was not done on a daily basis. They were furnished to keep us up to date on COHEN'S activities to determine if there was any indication of a violation within our jurisdiction. Gradually, after a period of time, [REDACTED] tapered off and did not make any reports available. They were examined and many of them contained information of considerable value in so far as our Crime Survey is concerned and that information deemed pertinent was furnished to the Bureau at that time by letter and in the Crime Survey Report. It was of considerable value in estimating the local situation as far as it went. [REDACTED] copies were all returned to him, copies having been made for our purpose. b7C b7D

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[REDACTED] he will advise me of any further information received. This situation will be watched extremely closely for any possible developments and you will be immediately advised. b7C b7D

Today's press indicates that U. S. Attorney CARTER has stated he can obtain indictments on the information contained in these records. He personally informed me that he made no such statement but indicated he was studying them for whatever assistance they might be, but of themselves they do not contain such evidence.

Respectfully submitted,

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: September 16, 1949

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: MICHAEL MICKEY COHEN, WAS,  
INFORMATION CONCERNINGALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 7/20/68 BY SP224/500/000/194

Mr. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
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Mr. Nease
Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

PURPOSE:

To advise you that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has furnished to an Agent of the Los Angeles Office [REDACTED]

The Los Angeles Office has made this information available to the local Sheriff's Office which has initiated an investigation on the basis thereof. The Los Angeles Office has requested the Bureau and the Chicago and New York Offices to supply background information concerning the above individuals [REDACTED]

BACKGROUND:

It will be recalled that on July 20, 1949, a group of unknown assailants ambushed the party of Mickey Cohen, notorious Los Angeles hoodlum, in front of Sherry's Cafe in Los Angeles and that in the gunfire which followed Edward "Neddie" Herbert, a principal Cohen Lieutenant, suffered wounds from which he later died while Cohen and two other members of his party, [REDACTED] a body guard assigned to Cohen by State Attorney General Howser of California, and [REDACTED] were also wounded.

DETAILS:

The Los Angeles Office has now advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has stated that [REDACTED] has been trying to unseat Cohen as the gang leader of Southern California.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Stomponato is known to be one of Cohen's chief henchmen.)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Sheriff's Office, according to the Los Angeles Division has no previous information on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and has requested background descriptive data and photographs concerning them which may be available in the Bureau's files. The Los Angeles Office has also advised that the investigators of the Sheriff's Office have indicated that they are dubious about using direct contact with any agency other than the Bureau fearing that there may be a leak. Two Sergeants of the Sheriff's Office have indicated that their investigation is being held in abeyance pending the outcome of the Bureau's efforts to locate and furnish information concerning these persons.

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Memo to Mr. Ladd

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In this connection the Los Angeles Office has requested the Bureau to conduct a name search of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and has requested the Chicago and New York Offices to search their indices, the records of their respective police and sheriff's departments and to contact informants for identifying data concerning these three. No active investigation or other inquiries have been requested of these offices by Los Angeles.

According to the Chicago Crime Survey Report for April, 1948 [REDACTED] has an extensive criminal record with the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Internal Revenue Department which dates back to Prohibition days and in 1948 [REDACTED] No identifiable information appears in the Bureau's files concerning [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION:

The Mickey Cohen shooting is not a matter within the Bureau's jurisdiction. This has previously been brought to the attention of the Los Angeles Office and instructions have been issued to that office to avoid involvement in the matter. In view of the above developments however it is suggested that these instructions be reiterated and that Los Angeles be further instructed to exercise appropriate caution in order that the Bureau will not be drawn into the incident through the making of collateral inquiries for other agencies.

If you approve an appropriate letter is attached.

Ok per [REDACTED]

✓ [REDACTED]

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO  
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Mr. Tolson ☒ ( )  
Mr. Clegg ☒ ( )  
Mr. Glavin ☒ ( )  
Mr. Ladd ☒ ( )  
Mr. Nichols ☒ ( )  
Mr. Rosen ☒ ( )  
Mr. Tracy ☒ ( )  
Mr. Gurnea ☐ ( )  
Mr. Harbo ☐ ( )  
Mr. Mohr ☐ ( )  
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For Your Recommendation ☐ ( )  
What are the facts? ☐ ( )  
Remarks:

August 21, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR

RE: MICKEY COHEN

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 7/20/98 BY 8224/AMK/ace/jh

In accordance with your instructions, the copies of logs turned over to this office by [REDACTED] from the microphone surveillance of MICKEY COHEN's home conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department have been examined. Those in our possession date from April 12, 1947 to October 24, 1947, however, all dates are not included and it is apparent that the material furnished to us has been prepared from some other type of writing or recording.

There is no indication from the material in our possession that COHEN was involved in any violation of federal laws within the jurisdiction of the FBI. There is no indication that he was then involved in any actual violation of any other federal statute which could be referred to some other agency. There are some references to financial transactions, which in and of themselves, do not constitute any violation of a federal statute, however, the figures quoted might have some interest to the Bureau of Internal Revenue. It is noted, however, from the logs, that a representative of the Bureau of Internal Revenue was in touch with COHEN at this time. The name of the individual from the Internal Revenue was not furnished.

The specific information referred to is set out below:

On April 30, 1947, COHEN stated, "Last beef cost me \$8,500.00 - and the fine is never over \$10.00. It never carries 30 days in the county jail. [REDACTED] beef cost me \$10,900.00."

On May 6, 1947, MICKEY in talking with [REDACTED] and an unnamed party about leasing a building or club, stated, "It would cost \$28,000.00 and you have to pay \$1,200.00 a month which is for pay off." (To whom pay off was to be made is not stated.)

On June 10, 1947, COHEN was in touch with the Bureau of Internal Revenue and made an appointment with that agency.

On June 26, 1947 it is stated that COHEN pays \$1,100.00 a week to some of his men, namely, NEDDY, \$500.00 a week, \$200.00 per week to [REDACTED], \$200.00 for [REDACTED] and \$200.00 for someone else.

On August 17, 1947, MICKEY stated that he spent over \$30,000.00 on a trip back east; that he had \$15,000.00 in cash when he left here, collected

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR

RE: MICKEY COHEN

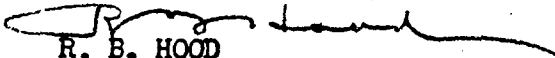
\$12,500.00 in Chicago that was owed him and \$7,500.00 from another person who owed it to him, and he had to borrow \$5,000.00 when he left Chicago. b7c

On September 28, 1947, [REDACTED] mentioned to MICKEY that "You'll make thousands again in the black market." (This in the event of war.)

On October 5, 1947, MICKEY said he was \$9,000.00 in the hole, apparently in connection with a race. On the same date, MICKEY ordered [REDACTED] to come up with \$24,000.00, that being [REDACTED] end of some deal.

No other matters are contained in the material that appeared to have any possible investigative value to any federal agency.

Respectfully submitted,

  
R. B. HOOD

Special Agent in Charge

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. FLETCHER *HPFE*

DATE: August 29, 1949

FROM : K. W. Dissly

Call: 8:30 p.m. 8-28-49

SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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SAC Hood called to advise that an examination of Los Angeles Monday morning papers had been made and that they did not contain any publicity. He advised that the transcript of the testimony of [REDACTED] was not yet available, but he would send it to the Bureau when it is available.

KWD/mp

cc - D. M. Ladd

A. Rosen  
[REDACTED]ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *ELB*

FROM : A. Rosen *ELB*

SUBJECT: MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 8-26-49

Call: 12:43 PM

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Office who is in In-Service at Quantico telephonically advised that he had received a letter from [REDACTED] dated Wednesday, August 24 in which she advised that at about 11:00 PM she had received a call from [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Police Department who asked to speak to Agent [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that Agent [REDACTED] was out of town. [REDACTED] then told [REDACTED] that he wanted to tell Agent [REDACTED] that the Examiner carried a special yesterday and that it was a definite misquote, that he did not say [REDACTED] regular liaison with the FBI but only on one occasion. He seemed intent on saying that it was a definite misquote regarding the entire article in the Examiner of August 24.

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SAC, Los Angeles

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August 29, 1949

Director, FBI

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MICHAEL "MICKY" COHEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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For your information Special Agent [redacted] of your office who is attending In-Service has advised that he received a letter from [redacted] dated August 24, 1949 in which she stated that at about 11:00 P.M. she had received a call from [redacted] of the Los Angeles Police Department who asked to speak to Agent [redacted]. When told that agent [redacted] was out of town [redacted] advised [redacted] he wanted to tell agent [redacted] that the Examiner had carried a special and that it was a definite misquote [redacted] had not said he had regular liaison with the FBI but had liaison on only one occasion. [redacted] appeared desirous of emphasizing that the entire article in the Examiner of August 24, 1949 was a misquote.

Further developments coming to your attention in this connection should be followed and the Bureau kept advised.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
August 20, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: MICKEY COHEN

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 12/2/85 BY SP-7 mac/ld  
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An examination has been made of the files of this office to ascertain the nature of information furnished by [REDACTED] b7c b7D

Throughout a period of approximately three years [REDACTED] furnished a great deal of information orally to Agents of this office which was incorporated into memoranda and subsequently included in the Crime Survey Report where it was pertinent. In many instances information was sent to nearby offices for their information, and in turn we requested information from them to complete the local picture. Some of this information was orally furnished to [REDACTED] by our Agents. Nothing was ever given to him in writing and every effort was made to give him only information which it was felt would actually assist the Police Department in its investigation of COHEN and his associates, there being every indication at that time that the Department was sincere in its efforts to make a case against them. It still appears that some officers were intent on this purpose, however their efforts were thwarted undoubtedly by others who let out information concerning the investigation, its techniques and operations.

By letter of July 3, 1947, titled BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY, BARNEY RUDITSKY, EX-NYPD DETECTIVE, the Bureau was informed that [REDACTED] advised he had maintained a microphone surveillance on COHEN about a year before and it had been detected. The exact location of this plant was not disclosed. We have never received any information known to have been obtained from such a plant. b7c b7D

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By letter to the Bureau dated October 8, 1947 entitled, KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED], RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, it was reported that [REDACTED] has maintained a microphone surveillance on COHEN's home for many months now and this Detail knows COHEN's activities very well. The surveillance log for April 30, 1947 furnished this office by [REDACTED] reflects the following notation at 10:30 PM: " b7c b7D

By letter to the Bureau dated September 18, 1947 titled, "RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, CRIME SURVEY (INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] 7/31/47), it was reported at the bottom of page 15: "From the Los Angeles Police Department microphone surveillance maintained on the residence of MICKEY COHEN in Santa Monica, California, the following was received: " b7c b7D

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By letter of September 15, 1947 titled, KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, the Bureau was advised on page 6 that [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] maintains a 24-hour surveillance on COHEN haberdashery shop. It is further stated that from highly confidential sources he had ascertained that COHEN was concerned about the arrest of several hoodlums who were suspects in the SIEGEL killing. No logs from the haberdashery surveillance were ever furnished this office [REDACTED]

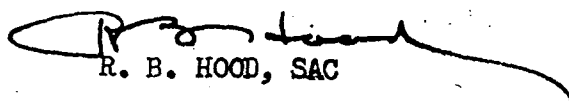
In the Crime Survey submitted to the Bureau on April 15, 1947 it is stated on page 6 that certain information is attributed to Informant [REDACTED] and this informant is described on page 241 of the report as being [REDACTED]. The same report, on page 6, attributes an item of information to Informant [REDACTED] and this informant is described on page 242 as being "Technical surveillance maintained by Los Angeles Police Department". This was information furnished [REDACTED] in log form.

In the Crime Survey Report for April 15, 1948 on page 85 it is stated that [REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department, [REDACTED] through technical surveillance has learned that.....". This information was obtained by [REDACTED] from a surveillance maintained by his squad on the jewelry store of [REDACTED]. No logs were ever furnished this office in connection with this activity, the above information having been furnished orally. [REDACTED] knew of our interest in [REDACTED] in view of his handling stolen jewelry and possibly being involved in an NSPA case.

The files of this office and the Crime Survey Reports contained much information orally furnished [REDACTED], and his exact sources are unknown. Names and addresses contained in personal effects of hoodlums arrested by the Police Department, information concerning out of town hoodlums visiting in the city, were constantly furnished by him and there was every indication of cooperation by him with this office.

The first information that caused us to question his honesty was as a result of a statement he made to Agent [REDACTED] when he requested that if we ever observed COHEN or his associates coming out of any bank to let him know right away and he would "roust them". This certainly led us to think that he was interested in what they might then have on their person. This incident did not occur until sometime in late 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

  
R. B. HOOD, SAC

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. Nease ☐   
Miss Gandy ☐   
[REDACTED] ☐

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United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
August 24, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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DATE 7/20/98 BY 8224/DMC/BCJ/PL

RE: MICKEY COHEN

At 9:25 AM on August 24th [REDACTED] of Los Angeles County, telephonically advised me that he was going to send by messenger a copy of the transcript of testimony taken by him from [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Police Department, on August 23rd. He was thanked for this offer and he stated he would send me these transcripts daily. No request for this was made and I have had no previous contact with [REDACTED] in connection with this matter.

There is set forth below the quoted testimony of [REDACTED] that relates in any way to the FBI:

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- 3      8    Q    The only discussion that you had with any of your associates or superiors then prior to the installation was with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
- A    To the best of my recollection that is true.
- 5      16   Q    Was anything said about advising the District Attorney's Office or any other law enforcement agency that the installation was about to be made?
- A    In my presence there was no such discussion. Yes, there was.
- 23     A    I don't recall who made the statement, [REDACTED] but I understand or rather it was my impression from the conversation I had at that time that this installation was to be made with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- 25     Q    And do you know who from the Federal Bureau of Investigation either assisted or suggested or requested the installation?
- 6      1    A    Mr. HOOD.
- 2    Q    And to whom was that request addressed?
- A    I can give you no factual information on that. It is my belief and opinion and conclusion that [REDACTED] arranged for that to take place.

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- 6 4 Q In other words it is your conclusion from what you heard, from what you understand, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation working with [REDACTED] had requested the police to cooperate in making this installation?
- A No, sir, just the reverse is what I understand. I understand that [REDACTED] had solicited the assistance of Mr. HOOD.
- 8 Q Oh, I see. And do you know whether or not during the time the installation was in operation any members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation assisted or participated in the operation of the microphone setup and the making of recordings or the taking of notes?
- A You are speaking of the mechanical operation?
- Q I am.
- A I know of no such incident taking place.
- 13 Q Do you know whether or not any of the information that was ever received or obtained as a result of the operation of this setup was passed on to Mr. HOOD or any member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation?
- A I do.
- 16 Q Was it or was it not?
- A It was.
- 17 Q Was the information passed on to any other federal agency to your knowledge?
- A I don't believe so. I can't say truthfully because I don't know. I know that we had a working liaison with the alcohol tax unit, but I do not recall any information from this source being passed to them by me and I don't believe that it was.
- 21 Q [REDACTED]
- A [REDACTED]
- 22 Q [REDACTED]
- A [REDACTED]
- 24 Q [REDACTED]
- A The information took place shortly after this was discontinued and it was pertinent to a telephone conversation Mr. COHEN had had with an [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and there was a discussion of about \$30,000 involved in this transaction. [REDACTED]
- 7 1 [REDACTED] from that end, [REDACTED] to determine who this [REDACTED] was. I don't know that he did. I know that we discussed the situation quite a number of times.

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7 5 Q

[REDACTED] That is, the information concerning \$30,000 and relating to a phone conversation between Mr. COHEN and someone in [REDACTED]

A That is all that I recall [REDACTED]

8 1 Q

Do you know whether or not any other information was received as a result of the set-up — when I say set-up it is for the purpose of convenience, you know what I refer to. Do you know whether or not any [REDACTED] information was passed on by anyone [REDACTED] during the progress of the operation of the set-up to the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any other federal organization?

A I believe I recall a conversation at 510 S. Spring Street between, I believe, it was Agent [REDACTED] and I don't know whether it was [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] but I recall a discussion taking place in that building and the subject of this discussion was a proposal of a fight for charity between [REDACTED] and an opponent who was at that time unknown and the fight was to have been staged with the people promoting the fight already knowing the outcome of the fight and that was discussed in that building. I believe that has been, to the best of my knowledge, about two years ago. It's rather hazy in my mind. b7c

8 10 Q

Will you tell me what was said?

A I couldn't recall what was said. The fight did not materialize.

11 Q

Well, was the discussion that involved the fact that MICKEY COHEN had connections with the prize fight?

A Yes.

13 Q

[REDACTED] was mentioned as one participant?

A The opponent had not at that time been determined, in fact it was never determined.

15 Q

What other person was named in connection with the proposed prize fight?

A It was some charity organization that was to be the sponsor.

17 Q

What, if anything, was said about the fight being fixed? b7c

A. The substance of the notes, I believe, would give you a clearer idea than I can, because I don't recall the notes.

19 Q

Is there anything else you can recall that was said in that conversation between the agent or [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] if it was [REDACTED] in connection with that fixed fight?

A I can't give you any verbatim conversations aside from those two instances.

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- 8 22 Q Do you know of your own knowledge of any other information gathered as a result of the set-up that was passed on or discussed or disclosed to any federal agency?
- A At that time we had established a very close liaison with a few federal officers here in town and they had been placed and appraised of this situation, but I don't recall now any incident to which their attention was directed pertinent to this case. b7c
- 10 4 Q Did you yourself perform any part of the work in connection with the installation of the cables, mike or set-up?
- A I did not personally perform any part of the physical installation. [REDACTED]
- 6 Q Were you present when it was made?
- A I drove by the place during that installation.
- 8 Q Who were the officers who were present, if you know?
- A At the time I drove by?
- 9 Q At the time the installation was made?
- A Officer [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
- 11 Q Any others?
- A That's all, that's all I can recall.
- 15 25 Q Do you know of any reason why — Did you ever hear any reason stated why, when the dictaphone set-up was made, the District Attorney's office was not advised of the fact that the Police Department did have the set-up?
- 16 1 A There was no reference made to the District Attorney's office. There was reference made to other respects of that.
- 2 Q To other agencies, you mean?
- A No, only, as I told you, through the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but it was our intention that that installation should be conducted with as much secrecy as possible, and as few people know about the information as possible. It was not your office I can't recall being discussed at all, but it was no inflexion against your office that they were not notified.
- 25 3 Q Yes, when they were re-written or copies — whatever was done with the original longhand notes. How many copies were made?
- A One.
- 6 Q Only one?
- A Only the officers' original longhand notes.
- 8 Q Yes, but I mean when the copies were made — when the transcriptions —
- A Three.

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- 25 17 Q What was done with the other two?  
A One typewritten copy was delivered to [REDACTED] and one typewritten copy to [REDACTED]. Now, as I said before, in the latter part of this installation I made for myself an additional copy.
19. Q That would be four?  
A Yes.
- 27 10 Q I don't know whether you have a record bureau or not, but we have a place where we keep records and they're kept under guard and lock and key and I have always assumed the police department had a similar arrangement, but I find now, from your answers, that three copies of these files or records, which were presumably highly confidential because they were not revealed to any law enforcement agency except in one or two instances the Federal Bureau of Investigation and [REDACTED] you don't know what [REDACTED] did with theirs.  
A Well, —  
Q You know what I mean?  
A Yes, I know. As far as I was concerned when they had those copies within their possession, to me in their possession —
- 34 5 Q You referred before the recess to two instances [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] One of them was a West Palm Beach matter relating to \$30,000.  
A Yes, sir.
- 8 Q The other one was what?  
A Well, as I said, the other was that [REDACTED] — proposed [REDACTED] fight. Well, I can't — I am very vague on that.
- 10 Q Do you remember to whom you reported the [REDACTED] fight? That was not [REDACTED] was it?  
A No, sir. In fact, if my memory is correct I believe that [REDACTED] and I believe — and I think that the substance of these notes was frequently discussed between the three of them. I was not present. However, I believe that on this occasion of the proposed [REDACTED] fight I believe that it was [REDACTED] and Agent [REDACTED] and, as I tell you, the only thing I remember of that discussion is I believe I was at 510 South Spring out in the hallway of the Federal offices there, and I believe that they photostated that copy of the notes for that day.

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- 34 16 Q All right. Now, aside from those two instances, can you recall any other cases respecting which information was given to any federal agency, FBI or any other agency?
- A I can recall no incident in which I gave that information to them myself. b7C
- 19 Q Have you ever heard of any other instances in which information was given except the two to which you have referred?
- A I have heard discussions between [REDACTED] when he was discussing with these agents a migration of certain people from the east out here. Now, I believe that he confirmed their information that certain people were here and I believe that he did it by information he had received in these notes, and, if I am not mistaken, that took place over quite a period of time, and I believe that he had a very deep liaison established with those agents in respect to this installation. I don't know.
- 25 Q Aside from giving information concerning the migration of people to Los Angeles, as you have just stated, do you remember any specific case which you heard was reported by [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or anyone else to the Federal agencies concerning the activities of MICKEY COHEN or any of his associates?
- 35 1 A Well, I can recall none, [REDACTED] b7C

There is set forth below the quoted testimony of [REDACTED] taken on August 24, 1949, that relates in any way to the FBI.

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- 8 6 Q [REDACTED] did you discuss it, the installation or any of the information obtained, with anyone other than members of the Los Angeles Police Department?
- A I have no present recollection of any such discussion at all.
- 23 1 Q From all of the installations with which you are familiar and the information obtained did you obtain any information which in your opinion would warrant its being presented to any law enforcement agency for analysis or study with a view to instituting a criminal prosecution against MICKEY COHEN, his associates, or anyone else named?
- A No, sir, We received no information of significance to approach any other agency with what we believed would be a concrete investigation, except this extortion deal [REDACTED] b7C
- 28 2 Q Unless you have got some more questions. I don't have anything more that I want to ask [REDACTED] now.

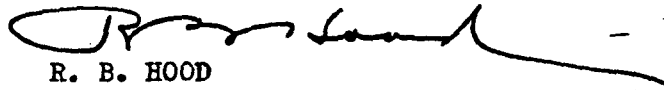
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28      2      A      I was sorry to see that appearance in the "Examiner" in the morning - in yesterday. It all says that I had testified that I had liaison with the FBI.

5      Q      That was not put out that way at all. The statement was made just as you gave it - that this installation and this investigation originated by the Police Department, and the FBI was asked to participate, and that the result was that on two different occasions [REDACTED] information was given by the Police Department to the FBI. Now, that is the statement that was made. That is why I said, questioning you about [REDACTED] statement, that I don't assume anything that I read in the God-damn newspaper is true. The fact that they were in here this morning questioning me about the fact that who had started this. No, he didn't. I'll show you a transcript where, acting under the same assumption, they asked [REDACTED] about it. He said, "Quite the contrary. The reverse is true. We started it. HOOD was invited to assist."

A. Yes, sir.

Respectfully submitted,



R. B. HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

MICHAEL MICKEY COHEN, MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE LOGS OF THE SURVEILLANCE ON THE RESIDENCE OF COHEN WHICH WERE FURNISHED TO YOUR OFFICE. ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER THESE LOGS WERE REVIEWED FOR EVIDENCE OF A FEDERAL VIOLATION AND WHETHER SUCH INFORMATION IF LOCATED WAS FURNISHED AT THE TIME TO APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES. SUTEL.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Los Angeles  
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: August 22, 1949

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 DATE 7/20/98 BY 8224/SPK/SLG/STC

Information concerning [REDACTED]

Recently, [REDACTED]  
 tion advised me as follows concerning [REDACTED]

Sometime ago, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had been informed by a  
 local character named [REDACTED] that a woman wanted to meet him, and while  
 at the Santa Anita Track, [REDACTED] did meet [REDACTED] who informed him that  
 her husband desired to contact [REDACTED] and he was furnished a phone number.

[REDACTED] On  
 inquiry, he was informed that this referred to MICKEY COHEN. [REDACTED] allegedly  
 played ignorant and asked who COHEN was and [REDACTED] described him as the local man who  
 had this town, police and all, under control, [REDACTED]

DELETED  
 This information was given to the Gangster Squad of the LAPD [REDACTED]

This is of particular interest at this time in view of the recent publicity  
 in Collier's Magazine concerning the lobbying activities [REDACTED]  
 in the State of California.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : *R* MR. ROSEN  
 FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*  
 SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN

DATE: August 29, 1949

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 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SAC Hood of Los Angeles called me on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 PM, August 27 and advised that Special Agent [REDACTED] had received a telephone call from [REDACTED] who stated that he wanted to talk to him. [REDACTED] refused to see [REDACTED] and told him he should see Mr. Hood. Mr. Hood advised me that he had attempted to locate the Director and being unable to do so, he had called me.

I advised Mr. Hood that he should endeavor to reach the Director and if, after a reasonable time, he was still unable to reach him that [REDACTED] should be informed that he believed it undesirable to see him until after the District Attorney had seen [REDACTED]; this merely for the purpose of keeping [REDACTED] friendly to the Bureau.

Mr. Hood stated he would handle the matter this way.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 13, 1949

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO

SUBJECT: MICKY COHEN, wa.  
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Re Los Angeles letter to Director September 22, 1949 con-  
taining information concerning [REDACTED]

This individual is well known to this office, principally  
as a gambler. He first came to our attention early in 1944 by way of allega-  
tion that he might attempt to evade the draft at that time by use of drugs

[REDACTED] At that time  
he lived at [REDACTED] Earlier the San Francisco Division had  
advised that the San Jose, California Police Department had reported that  
[REDACTED] was "definitely an underworld character", a panderer and in 1942 had  
a young prostitute working for him. [REDACTED] He was a known  
associate of panderers and underworld characters in San Jose in 1942.

[REDACTED] was not known to have used drugs in any attempt  
to evade the draft.

The records of the San Diego Police Department on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] indicate he was born in [REDACTED]  
on [REDACTED] He has a long record of arrests and is an ex-convict. He  
began his criminal career in 1930 when he was about fourteen years of age. He  
has been arrested at regular intervals since for various crimes, including  
robbery. He is well-known to the police as a pimp, gambler and trouble-maker.  
His favorite hangouts in San Diego have been the Monte Carlo Cafe and Cardroom,  
and the Knickerbocker Hotel.

During 1946 it was reported that [REDACTED] was living in  
[REDACTED] at an unknown address. He was then separated [REDACTED]

This Subject, also known as [REDACTED] is mentioned in  
the General Crime Survey submitted by the San Diego Division April 15, 1949, under  
the name of [REDACTED] His photograph appears therein. It was stated in  
the Survey that this gambler had lived with a prostitute, unnamed, in San Diego,  
for whom he was pimping; that he spends some of his time now in Reno, Nevada,  
and that during that period his principal activity was backing experts who  
gambled on ball-rolling machines and shuffleboards.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

October 13, 1949

RE: MICKEY COHEN, wa.  
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The latest information concerning [REDACTED] as furnished by  
[REDACTED] and Vice Squad officers,  
[REDACTED]

Discreet inquiry at San Diego does not reveal that [REDACTED]  
is now engaged in the narcotic racket, although Vice Squad officers state it  
is entirely possible.

[REDACTED] mentioned in referenced letter, is not known to San Diego  
Police. The officers who know [REDACTED] well doubt that he would have the nerve  
to become involved in the crime of murder.

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Name:

Birthdate:  
Birthplace:  
Hair:  
Eyes:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Build:  
Complexion:  
Dress:  
Appearance:  
Occupation:  
Criminal record:

[REDACTED]

It is requested that the San Diego Division be advised of any  
further developments in this matter.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES

TO: Mr. Glavin

DATE: September 2, 1949

FROM: H. L. Edwards

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SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN

DATE 7/20/88 BY 8224/Jmk/bce/PL

Technical Surveillance

The following is a resume of the activities of agents of the Los Angeles Division in connection with the microphone surveillance maintained by the Los Angeles Police Department in the home of the Los Angeles hoodlum, Mickey Cohen, which surveillance has been the subject of testimony before a State Grand Jury in Los Angeles.

Prior to January 31, 1947, the Los Angeles Office was maintaining a technical surveillance on the residence of Mickey Cohen in Beverly Hills. This installation had been authorized by the Bureau with a view to the possible development of information reflecting Federal violations by Cohen within the Bureau's jurisdiction. In early January, 1947 information was obtained from this source indicating that Cohen was purchasing a home in Los Angeles [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] made arrangements to survey the [REDACTED] property. This survey was made on about January 21, 1947 by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Because of some apparent difficulty in concealment, it was decided, after conference with SAC Hood, not to attempt to install a microphone in the house. On 1-31-47 the Bureau's technical surveillance on the Cohen residence in Beverly Hills was removed and the Bureau so advised.

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On the day following the decision against placing the microphone in the Los Angeles house, Agent [REDACTED] who was in daily liaison contact with [REDACTED] of the Police Department, [REDACTED], advised [REDACTED] where Cohen was moving. [REDACTED] remarked that he would like to place a microphone in the new residence and on the next day, January 23, 1947, he came to the Los Angeles Office and inquired whether Agent [REDACTED] could assist him in [REDACTED]. After conferring with SAC Hood, Agent [REDACTED]

At about that time or very shortly thereafter, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted SAC Hood and asked for assistance in getting a telephone line to their microphone in the Cohen residence. At SAC Hood's direction Agent [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This arrangement continued until October 12, 1948 which was about the time the Police Department microphone was discovered by Cohen. None of the above developments were brought to the attention of the Bureau by SAC Hood until the FBI was mentioned in connection with the current State Grand Jury investigation in Los Angeles. Mr. Hood and Agent [REDACTED] have indicated that it was their understanding with [REDACTED] that any information developed by the Police surveillance indicating possible Federal violations would be furnished the Los Angeles Office. b7C b7D

Thereafter copies of surveillance logs dating from April 12, 1947 to October 24, 1947 were made available to the Los Angeles Office [REDACTED] Liaison with [REDACTED] at this time was being maintained by Agent [REDACTED] and Agent [REDACTED]. None of the information in these logs indicated any violations within the Bureau's jurisdiction. There were some references to financial transactions which might have been of interest to the Internal Revenue Bureau. However, the logs also reflected that a representative of the Internal Revenue was in touch with Cohen at the time. b7C b7D

On 8-17-49 [REDACTED] informed SAC Hood that he had been in telephonic conversation with [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] had told [REDACTED] that the microphone had been placed in Cohen's Los Angeles House by Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was advised by SAC Hood that this was absolutely untrue. Both Agents have denied this in writing. b7C b7D

The Los Angeles Examiner on 8-23-49 referred to testimony given the Grand Jury by [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Police Department to the effect that the FBI knew about the installation by the police of microphones in the home and place of business of Cohen. On the same date SAC Hood received information that [REDACTED] had advised the [REDACTED] that the FBI had been checking on Cohen's telephone calls to Eastern gamblers for the past two years. This statement indicated that the police noted the phone numbers and furnished them to the Bureau which had been interested in a fixed prize fight and in telephone calls made by Cohen to a gambler, [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Florida telling [REDACTED] to send Cohen \$30,000 owed him by [REDACTED] for a gambling debt. b7C b7D

[REDACTED] In March, 1949 [REDACTED] advised Agent [REDACTED] that Cohen had told a bookmaker named [REDACTED] in Florida to send him \$30,000. This conversation had been recorded by the police back in 1947 and contained no threat of any kind. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that these facts did not constitute a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute and no action would be taken by the Los Angeles Office.

Enclosures

CC: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen  
Los Angeles Personnel File

Los Angeles, California  
October 13, 1949

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Director, FBI

Re:

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Dear Sir:

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For the information of the Bureau and offices receiving copies of  
this letter, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

COHEN is the alleged No. 1 hoodlum in the Los Angeles area.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

. Bad blood has allegedly been created between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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certain Italian mobsters and MICKEY COHEN and other Jewish hoodlums, particularly over narcotics traffic.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

in order that no possible future embarrassment to the Bureau might result, and since [REDACTED] did volunteer the information to this office, it is felt that it is desirable to furnish

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this information to the interested local authorities to insure the fact that they are in possession of this information. Unless advised to the contrary by 10/20/49 this office will furnish the pertinent portions of the above information to the LASO and LAPD without revealing the source of the information.

Offices receiving copies of this letter should retain it in confidence. The Seattle Office should advise Los Angeles of any pertinent information in its files concerning [REDACTED] **b7c**

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD  
SAC

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DIRECTOR URGENT

ATTENTION- A. ROSEN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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MICKEY COHEN, WAS., INFO CONCERNING. FOR BUREAU-S INFO LOCAL PRESS  
TODAY REPORTS SPECIAL ASSISTANT AG MAX GOLDSCHN ARRIVED LA EARLY  
TODAY AND AS QUOTE KICK OFF OF US PROBE OF LOCAL UNDERWORLD SCENE BY  
FEDERAL GRAND JURY UNQUOTE SUBPOENAED MOBSTER MICKEY COHEN. GOLD-  
SCHEIN DESCRIBED AS FAMED USDJ RACKETS BUSTER. THIS OFFICE HAS RE-  
CEIVED NO REQUESTS OR OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF THIS INQUIRY AT PRESENT.  
BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: November 21, 1949

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: San Francisco Police Department

## MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On November 10, 1949, [redacted] San Francisco  
Police Department, appeared at his Los Angeles Office and [redacted]  
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

who states that COHEN "is washed up in Los Angeles" and that COHEN himself is also of this opinion. [REDACTED]

FER:KH  
94-333

cc San Francisco

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[REDACTED] was furnished no information concerning [REDACTED] and was told, in response to his question, that this office has conducted no investigation regarding [REDACTED] activities. b7c  
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At this time, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] presumably the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, had uncovered information that would solve the shooting of COHEN and the murder of HERBERT, but that the Sheriff's Office investigators are hampered by [REDACTED] overwhelming desire for publicity and by the fact that the Los Angeles newspapers are not controlled by law enforcement agencies. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated further that the infiltration of criminal elements into Los Angeles was a dangerous menace [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he did not state exactly what action he believes is necessary.

The above information is being furnished for information only.

WASH 4 FROM LOS ANGELES

DIRECTOR

URGENT

ATT. MR. ROSEN

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DATE 7/20/82 BY 224 P. [signature]

MICKEY COHEN, WAS., INFO CONCERNING. LOCAL PRESS REFLECTS COHEN,

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] APPEARED BEFORE FGJ. LA NOV.

THIRTY LAST. NO INDICATION AS TO WHAT INFO OBTAINED OTHER THAN GOLDS-  
SCHEIN BEING QUOTED AS STATING WITNESSES TESTIMONY NEEDED IN CONN-  
ECTION WITH VICE AND RACKETEERING INVESTIGATIONS PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED KANSAS CITY. <sup>MAX</sup> GOLDSCHHEIN TOLD PRESS HE FLEW TO LA FOR THE EXPRESS  
PURPOSE OF QUESTIONING THESE THREE WITNESSES. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH ALLEGED  
TO HAVE HAD PREVIOUS BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH COHEN AND TO HAVE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FROM COHEN SEVERAL YEARS AGO. GOLDSCHHEIN DEPARTED  
LA LATE YESTERDAY TO RETURN TO KC. NO INQUIRIES HAVE OR WILL BE MADE BY  
THIS OFFICE. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

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Q. 51

cc: Mr. Rosen

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
December 7, 1949

Director, FBI

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
FRANK NICCOLI, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Assistant United States Attorney RAY H. KINNISON. Los Angeles, 12-13-49

Bureau concerning the disappearance and alleged kidnaping of one FRANK  
NICCOLI, one of MICKEY COHEN's associates.

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cc: 62-2469

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As the Bureau has previously been advised, the U.S. Attorney's office, through Assistant Attorney General GOLDSCHNEIN, has evinced interest in local vice conditions and in the MICKEY COHEN mob for the past several months. With this in mind, it is felt possible that

he apparently had no specific information concerning a crime which had been committed, might be indicative of the fact that the U. S. Attorney's office was again endeavoring to have this office conduct investigative activity bearing on local hoodlum and vice matters.

No statements as to what action might be taken by this Bureau in connection with this matter were made and AUSA KINNISON was advised that in accordance with the Bureau's policy in alleged kidnappings of hoodlums, the information was being furnished to the Bureau for consideration and instruction as to any investigation that appeared desirable.

No additional action is contemplated at Los Angeles unless so advised by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,



R. B. HOOD  
SAC

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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LOS ANGELES

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MICKEY COHEN, INFO. CONCERNING. REURTEL JANUARY SEVENTEENTH  
INSTANT. BASIS INFORMATION FURNISHED UNABLE LOCATE ANY CRIMINAL  
RECORD UNDER NAME [REDACTED] b7C

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Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WASH 5 FROM LOS ANGELES 17 9-40 AM

DIRECTOR URGENT

ATTENTION, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

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MICKEY COHEN, INFO. CONCERNING. AIR MAIL ANY CRIMINAL RECORDS AND  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF [REDACTED] BEARING FOLLOWING NAME AND DESCRIPTION. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

**STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**

RE: MICKEY COHEN  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

**Dear Sirs:**

El Paso  
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Letter to: Director, FBI  
RE: MICKEY COHEN  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

1/23/50

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[REDACTED]

This information is being submitted to those offices receiving copies of this letter for their information; however, should it be feasible to obtain information, without divulging the source of this information through extremely discreet inquiry, such information should be obtained and the Bureau, Los Angeles and San Francisco offices advised.

Very truly yours,

*Harry M. Kimball*  
HARRY M. KIMBALL  
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

WASH 4 FROM LOS ANGELES 6 1-40 PM  
DIRECTOR ATTN ASST. DIR. A. ROSEN URGENT

MICHAEL QUOTE MICKEY UNQUOTE COHEN, INFO. CONC. REBUTEL CAL [REDACTED] TODAY. FOLLOWING INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM LAPD. COHEN CLAIMS HE [REDACTED] RETURNED TWO THIRTY AM TODAY AT [REDACTED] HOME FIVE ONE THREE MORENO AVE., WEST LA. AT FOUR TWENTY-FIVE AM ELECTRONIC WARNING DEVICE HE HAS INSTALLED AT RESIDENCE TO WARN OF INTRUDERS, SOUNDED ALARM. COHEN WENT TO ALARM INDICATOR WHICH INDICATED ACTIVITY FRONT SECTION HIS PROPERTY. HE WENT TO FRONT BATHROOM, RAISED WINDOW, FLASHED PORTABLE LIGHT AROUND YARD, SAW NOTHING UNUSUAL. SMELLED ODOR OF BURNING BUT THOUGHT ODOR CAUSED BY RAIN WHICH WAS FALLING. HE WENT BACK TO BED. AT FOUR-THIRTY AM HOUSE WAS ROCKED BY EXPLOSION WHICH DEMOLISHED FRONT PART, INCLUDING BATH AND BEDROOM USUALLY OCCUPIED BY COHEN, BUT HE WAS USING BEDROOM AT REAR OF HOUSE. EXPLOSION ALSO BROKE WINDOWS IN SURROUNDING RESIDENCES. NO PERSONS INJURED. COHEN, [REDACTED] ONLY OCCUPANTS COHEN RESIDENCE AT TIME EXPLOSION. LAPD TECHNICIANS ESTIMATE EXPLOSION CAUSED BY USE OF EIGHTEEN TO TWENTY-FOUR STICKS DYNAMITE. NO FRAGMENTS OF CONTAINER FOUND AT SCENE. COHEN TOLD POLICE HE HAD NO SUSPECTS AND KNOWS NOTHING FURTHER ABOUT MATTER. EXPLOSIVE APPARENTLY WAS PLACED AGAINST OUTSIDE WALL OF HOUSE, WHICH WAS DAMAGED EXTENSIVELY.

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cc: Mr. Rosen

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD *DL*  
 FROM : A. ROSEN *R*  
 SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN, WAS,  
 BOMBING OF COHEN'S RESIDENCE  
 February 6, 1950  
 CRIME SURVEY

DATE: February 6, 1950

CALL 10:15 A.M.

*DL*  
 Tolson ☒  
 Clegg ☒  
 Glavin ☒  
 Nichols ☒  
 Rosen ☒  
 Tracy ☒  
 Harbo ☒  
 Mohr ☒  
 Tele. Room ☒  
 Nease ☒

ASAC J. C. Ellsworth, Los Angeles Field Division, telephonically advised that a report has been received from the West Los Angeles Police Department to the effect that part of Mickey Cohen's home was demolished by a bombing explosion at 4:20 A.M. this morning. The police advised that the explosion was so terrific that it was heard at the police station which was located  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the Cohen residence. Cohen's residence is at 513 Moreno Drive, Brentwood, in the Los Angeles suburban area. Shortly after the explosion, [REDACTED] telephonically reported the incident to the police. *b7c*

At approximately 4:00 A.M., the electric eye alarm system which has been established by Cohen at his residence sounded off. Cohen was sleeping at the time [REDACTED] in a back bedroom. He was not sleeping in the bedroom that he ordinarily occupies. Cohen put on his robe and went to the door and while returning to the bedroom the explosion occurred. He received a "scratch on the hand" but according to the police has not been seriously injured. [REDACTED] were said to be the only ones in the house besides Cohen and neither of these persons was injured. *b7c*

The dynamite which caused the explosion was placed outside of the room which is normally used as Cohen's bedroom. This room has been completely demolished and the police state that if Cohen had been in this room he undoubtedly would have been killed. The police further report that they have no leads but are actively investigating the matter.

ASAC Ellsworth advised that the Bureau will be kept informed of developments of interest in this situation.

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*DL*  
 cc Mr. Nichols

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Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
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Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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DIRECTOR URGENT ATTN. ASST. DIR. A. ROSEN

MICHAEL QUOTE MICKEY UNQUOTE COHEN, INFO. CONC. REMYTEL  
SIXTH INST. LA HERALD AND EXPRESS IN NIGHT FINAL EDITION  
TODAY CARRIES STORY INCLUDING THIS STATEMENT QUOTE TWO FBI  
AGENTS APPEARED QUIETLY AT MICKEYS HOME, MADE A THOROUGH INSPECTION  
OF THE BLAST WRECKAGE AND DEPARTED, REFUSING TO MAKE ANY  
COMMENT. UNQUOTE. PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OF STORY SEVERAL  
PRESS INQUIRIES WERE DIRECTED TO THIS OFFICE AS TO WHETHER FBI  
WAS CONDUCTING ANY INVESTIGATION OF BOMBING AT COHENS RESIDENCE. ALL  
WERE TOLD THAT FBI WAS CONDUCTING NO INVESTIGATION IN THE MATTER.  
PRESS REPRESENTATIVES STATED CAR WAS SEEN TO BE PARKED SHORT DIS-  
TANCE FROM COHENS HOME, AND CAR BORE U.S. GOVT LICENSE PLATES.  
THEY ASSUMED THIS MUST BE FBI CAR, AND THIS PROMPTED INQUIRY. PRESS WAS  
ADVISED THIS WAS NOT CORRECT DESCRIPTION OF A BUREAU VEHICLE.  
PRESS STORY REFLECTS LAPD ARRESTED JOE SICA, [REDACTED] AND  
SALVATORE PISCOPO, KNOWN HOODLUMS, IN CONNECTION THEIR INVESTIGATION.  
INDICATIONS ARE THAT ARRESTS MERELY ROUSTS. [REDACTED]  
WAS QUESTIONED BY POLICE, THEN RELEASED.

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cc: Mr. Rosen

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DIRECTOR, ATTENTION MR. ROSEN URGENT

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Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease

MICHAEL MICKEY COHEN, INFO CONCERNING. [REDACTED] OF LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE IS TRYING COHEN AND SOME OF HIS  
ASSOCIATES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BEATING UP OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE HAS INFORMATION THAT COHEN AND OTHER  
DEFENDANTS WILL PROBABLY TAKE THE WITNESS STAND IN STATE COURT  
IN THEIR OWN BEHALF WHICH WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR PROSECUTION  
TO PUT ON TESTIMONY REGARDING THE REPUTATION OF COHEN AND OTHER  
DEFENDANTS FOR HONESTY AND INTEGRITY. THIS TESTIMONY CAN ALSO  
INCLUDE THEIR CRIMINAL RECORDS. [REDACTED] SAYS THAT HE HAS ASKED  
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE SHERIFFS OFFICE FOR WITNESSES WHO CAN  
TESTIFY AS TO WHAT THEY HAVE HEARD IN THIS LOCALITY CONCERNING THE  
REPUTATION OF COHEN AND OTHER DEFENDANTS. HE REQUESTS THAT WE DE-  
TERMINE WHETHER BUREAU CAN FURNISH A WITNESS WHO CAN TESTIFY AS TO  
THEIR REPUTATION AS HE HOPES TO STRENGTHEN THE CASE AGAINST  
DEFENDANTS BY SUCH TESTIMONY. HAVE ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT WE DO NOT TES-  
TIFY IN CASES UNLESS THEY ARE CASES WHICH WE HAVE DEVELOPED, HOWEVER AT  
HIS INSISTENCE AM REFERRING HIS REQUEST TO [REDACTED] AND  
WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST OUR FURNISHING ANY WITNESS. SUTEL.

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cc Mr. Rosen  
[Signature]

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICAT

Transmit the following message to:

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

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MICHAEL WICKY COHEN, INFO CONCERNING. REURTEL FEBRUARY SEVEN, LAST. **b7c**

ADVISE [REDACTED] OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THAT

**EX-113** BUREAU CANNOT FURNISH WITNESS TO TESTIFY AS TO REPUTATION OF COHEN  
AND OTHER DEFENDANTS.

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JGL:RJP

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Note: The Los Angeles Division by teletype of February 7, 1950, has advised that Cohen and his associates are on trial in connection with the beating up of [REDACTED]. Cohen apparently intends to take the stand and the County District Attorney has advised he will thereby be enabled to introduce testimony as to the character and reputation of Cohen and the other defendants as well as their criminal records.

The County Attorney's Office of Los Angeles County has requested the local police department and sheriff's office to furnish witnesses who can testify as to the reputation of Cohen and the other defendants and has requested that the Bureau furnish a witness for the same purpose. The Los Angeles County Attorney has been advised that the Los Angeles Division could not furnish such a witness; however, he has insisted that his request be referred to the Bureau.

Cohen is the notorious Los Angeles hoodlum who has figured prominently in crime and vice in Los Angeles. He has not been the subject of a Bureau investigation and most of the information in our files concerning him has been acquired through the Crime Survey Program.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 20, 1950

FROM : SAC, Dallas

SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN  
MISCELLANEOUS  
INFORMATION CONCERNINGALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 7/14/88 BY SP2 BTJ/BJP/PL

Re San Francisco letter dated January 23, 1950  
relating to the activities of [REDACTED] b7CThe following information concerning [REDACTED] b7C  
is set out for the interested offices. b7DThe following description of [REDACTED] is contained in the  
files of the Dallas field division.Born [REDACTED]  
FBI No. [REDACTED]  
Height [REDACTED]  
Weight [REDACTED]  
Build [REDACTED]  
Hair [REDACTED]  
Eyes [REDACTED]  
Complexion [REDACTED]A photograph of [REDACTED] is being enclosed for the Los  
Angeles and San Francisco field divisions.RECEIVED  
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cc Oklahoma City

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San Francisco (encl)

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Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____

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DIRECTOR, FBI

U R G E N T

MICHAEL QUOTE MICKEY UNQUOTE COHEN, INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME  
SURVEY. REBUTEL MARCH THIRTY LAST. PERTINENT INFORMATION REFLECTED  
MYLET MARCH FIFTEEN LAST BEING FURNISHED TO LAPD, LASO AND INTERNAL  
REVENUE TODAY.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO  
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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See Me \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Note and Return \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
For Your Recommendation ( )  
What are the facts? ( )

Remarks:

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New York, N.Y.  
April 19, 1950

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gm  
Mr. Hoover:

Mickey Cohen, notorious West Coast racketeer, is said to be fanatical regarding his personal neatness and cleanliness.

According to this information, Cohen wears a hat once and then throws it away. He refuses to wear any garment that is soiled, even to the point where he once delayed a private dinner party for hours to change his suit, which had a small water spot on it.

It is claimed that Cohen has never dressed himself in less than three hours. Dressing with Cohen is said to be somewhat of a ritual. After showering, the first article of clothing he dons is his hat, followed by his underclothing, then his shirt and then his shoes. Due to the fact that his hands touched his shoes, he then finds it necessary to wash himself again.

Cohen is truly the epitome of cleanliness -- but then his ceremonious dressing is understandable when one considers that each time Cohen clothes himself, it will be, as he knows, for his funeral.

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EDWARD SCHMIDT

54 MAY 15 1950

Los Angeles, California  
June 5, 1950

Director, FBI

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RE: MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN;  
MOE SEDWAY;  
FLORABEL NUTZ;  
[REDACTED]

DECLASSIFIED BY 8224/bmk/bce/jch  
ON 2/21/98

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Dear Sir:

Reference: Salt Lake City tel to Los Angeles May 20, 1950.

Referenced teletype set out that [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] deter-  
mined that MOE SEDWAY, manager of the Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas, Nevada,  
had received a telephone call from MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN in which COHEN re-  
quested SEDWAY to meet him in Los Angeles to "patch up their differences."

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There is enclosed for the Bureau a copy of a political advertisement entitled "True Facts," allegedly published by the "Citizens Committee to Restore Law and Order," on behalf of the candidacy of [REDACTED] for Sheriff of Los Angeles County. This sheet was distributed on the streets of Los Angeles during the week prior to the scheduled primary election.

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Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD, SAC

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## Mickey Cohen Dislikes Texas After Rangers Wake Him Up

WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 26. — Mickey Cohen, the famous gambler, decided to get out of Texas today after two Rangers roused him from his sleep and carried him off to the police station.

Cohen, who arrived in Wichita last night on his business, was awakened and photographed before he was permitted to return to his hotel.

Cohen, who is 35 years old, was born in New York City. He is a well-known figure in the underworld and has been in the news many times.

Nichols took a photograph of Cohen this morning. As a result of the disappearance of Cohen, the Rangers are now looking for him.

Cohen was arrested by Denny Morrison, whose wife is a Los Angeles newspaper columnist. Morrison said that Cohen was spotted in the middle of the night at a hotel in Wichita.

In her column, Mrs. Morrison said that Cohen was tipped off that he had been spotted in the middle of the night at a hotel in Wichita.

Denny heard Cohen's tip and suggested he go to the hotel. Morrison said that Cohen did not want to go because if police raided Cohen's hotel, it would spoil the money he had made.

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# Office Memo

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Ladd ☒  
Mr. Clegg ☒  
Mr. Nichols ☒  
Mr. Rosen ☒  
Mr. Harbo ☒  
Mr. Belmont ☒  
Mr. Mohr ☒  
Tele. Room ☒  
Mr. Nease ☒  
Miss Gandy ☒

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 30, 1950

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

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SUBJECT: MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

G.I.R.-7

MICHAEL COHEN, 513 Moreno Avenue, West Los Angeles, California, on June 23, 1950, filed application with the California Highway Patrol for a permit to operate an armored car. This vehicle is described as a 1950 Cadillac-Fleetwood, Style 50-6019X; special sedan, engine number 606009636, serial number, the same, bearing California license plates 15B6694 with 1950 license tabs 3697673. COHEN stated in his application that the car would be used only for protection of himself and his family, would be manned either by himself or by his wife and that the driver would not be armed. The application for the permit was filed pursuant to provisions of Section 681 of the Vehicle Code for the State of California.

In a further description of the vehicle, the application states that there is special armor construction of the firewall and cowl. The armoring (metal) consists of 1/8 inch plate crucible steel (hi-carbon) with fibre-glass packing between armor and outer skin, on sides, top, front, and rear of body. The body has been completely lined as above. Vehicle is equipped with Goodrich Silvertown 8 x 20 x 15 Seal-o-Matic tubeless tires. The windshield and rear glass are constructed of 1 3/16 inch super multiplate and other glass is 1 1/2 inch hi-resist multiplate. The windshields are hinged at the top to open forward at bottom. The vehicle has a complete air-conditioning unit for use in all weather with windows closed.

The armoring adds approximately 1,000 pounds to the original weight of the vehicle which was 4,400 pounds. **b7c**

California State Highway Patrol Commissioner [redacted] on September 19, 1950, denied COHEN's application to operate this vehicle.

The armoring of this vehicle was done by Coachcraft Limited, 8671 Melrose Avenue, Hollywood, California, which concern is [redacted] at an approximate cost of \$7,000. [redacted] is reported by the Highway Patrol as a renowned coach body builder. HILLCREST MOTORS, INC., a Cadillac dealership in Beverly Hills, California, installed overload springs on this automobile.

The vehicle was registered prior to addition of the armor. As now equipped and without a permit to operate, the car can be moved only on a trailer and not on its own power. **b7c**

A California Highway Patrol Official advised that when COHEN learned his application had been declined, he called Commissioner [redacted] and

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told the Commissioner that Los Angeles attorney [REDACTED] had stated that COHEN was entitled to use the car and had suggested COHEN should get a writ so the courts could decide whether he was entitled to the permit. COHEN claimed he wanted the car just to protect himself and family, that the car had been tested on the Los Angeles Police Department Firearms Range through arrangements made by one of the Assistant Chiefs of Police. COHEN claimed this officer had originally told him he should have an armored car. The Patrol Officer volunteered that [REDACTED] is the only Los Angeles Police Department official whose name has come up in connection with COHEN's armored car.

There has been no publicity of any attempt by COHEN to force the issuance of a permit to operate the car. It has been rumored that he is trying to sell it to some South or Central American country for use by its political officials.

[REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department, has advised that COHEN recently tried to talk to him by phone, but [REDACTED] refused. Later COHEN's attorney, name not given [REDACTED] but probably SAMUEL RUMMEL, phoned [REDACTED] and asked why the Los Angeles Police Department had officers assigned to patrol in the vicinity of COHEN's residence. [REDACTED] said he replied that they were "seeking sufficient evidence to put COHEN in the penitentiary where he belongs." [REDACTED] said his thought was that COHEN and his attorney desired some sort of statement from [REDACTED] to the effect that the police were assigned to the vicinity of COHEN's home to protect him. They then would use such a statement in an attempt to get the armored car permit for COHEN.

This office has conducted no investigation into the above matter and this information was volunteered by the local law enforcement officers and the information is furnished the Bureau only as a matter of interest.

# Office Memorandum

• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 6, 1950

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

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Remylet 10-30-50 concerning the armored car owned by the captioned individual. This is to advise that COHEN has filed a petition for writ of mandate against the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, [REDACTED] demanding that the Commissioner issue a permit for COHEN to operate the armored car described in referenced letter. COHEN claims the denial of the permit was an arbitrary abuse of discretion by the Commissioner and that he needs the car for the protection of himself and family. COHEN's attorney filing the petition is [REDACTED]

This information was furnished to this office by Commissioner [REDACTED] of the Highway Patrol and is forwarded to the Bureau for information only.

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(RUMMEL)  
 HOLLYWOOD--ATTORNEY SAMUEL F. RUMMEL, 46, LAWYER FOR RICKY COHEN  
 AND OTHER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAMBLING FIGURES, WAS SHOT TO DEATH EARLY  
 TODAY BY A GANGLAND ASSAILANT WHO AMBUSHED HIM AT HIS HILLSIDE MANSION.  
 A CHARGE FROM AN ITALIAN MADE SAVED-OFF 12 GAUGE SHOTGUN TORE A HOLE  
 IN HIS NECK. OFFICERS SAID HE APPARENTLY LIVED "FOR SOME TIME" AFTER  
 THE FATAL BLAST WAS FIRED ABOUT 1:30 A.M.  
 [REDACTED] WHO TOOK CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION,  
 SUMMONED COHEN IMMEDIATELY FOR QUESTIONING.  
 THE LITTLE KINGPIN BOOKMAKER ROSE UP IN A LIMOUSINE DRIVEN BY [REDACTED]  
 TWO HOURS AFTER THE BODY WAS FOUND. HE WAS  
 CLOSETED IN THE RUMMEL MANSION WITH POLICE AND RUMMEL'S ASSOCIATE,  
 [REDACTED] FOR TWO AND A HALF HOURS.  
 DETECTIVES SAID GAMBLING SHIP [REDACTED] AND  
 OTHER FORMER RUMMEL CLIENTS, ALSO PROBABLY WOULD BE QUESTIONED.  
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Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Alden  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Laughlin  
Mr. Mohr  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease

WASH 10 FROM LOS ANGELES

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URGENT

G.I.R.-1

MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN, WAS, INFO CONCERNING. AUSA RAY KINNISON  
ADVISES COHEN [REDACTED] INDICTED AT NINE FIFTEEN AM  
TODAY BEFORE FEDERAL JUDGE JAMES M. CARTER ON SIX COUNTS OF INCOME  
TAX VIOLATION IN FORTY SIX THROUGH FORTY EIGHT. ADDITIONAL COUNT  
CHARGES COHEN WITH MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS TO INTERNAL REVENUE  
BUREAU ON JANUARY THREE, FIFTY, RE HIS NET WORTH. CASE BASED MAINLY  
ON HIS EXPENDITURES AS COMPARED TO HIS CLAIMED INCOME, INCLUDING  
LOANS. COHEN [REDACTED] TO SURRENDER AT ABOUT NOON TODAY.

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cc: Mr. Rosen

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

VERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd  
 FROM : A. Rosen *pla pk*  
 SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN

DATE: April 24, 1951

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 Ladd ☒  
 Clegg ☒  
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 Nichols ☒  
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 Tracy ☒  
 Harbo ☒  
 Mohr ☒  
 Tele. Room ☒  
 Nease ☒  
 Gandy ☒

Mickey Cohen has advised a contact of the Phoenix Office that he desires to cooperate fully with the FBI and would be willing to discuss any matters with Agent personnel.

BACKGROUND:

Cohen, according to newspaper reports, has purchased an interest in two drugstores at Tucson, Arizona. While in Tucson April 2, 1951 he stayed at the Tucson Biltmore Motel. [REDACTED] he hoped he would not be under constant surveillance while he lived in Tucson. [REDACTED]

Cohen stated he desired to cooperate with the FBI.

Phoenix requested advice from Los Angeles and the Bureau whether attempts should be made to develop Cohen as a criminal informant.

LOS ANGELES OPPOSES CONTACTING COHEN:

A letter from Los Angeles dated April 7, 1951, states Cohen has been interviewed on several occasions by Agents seeking information on various matters over a period of years. These Agents report Cohen has held back information, has been evasive, misleading, two-faced and ingratiating. Los Angeles suggests that Cohen may pretend to act as an informant simply to try to obtain information from the Bureau, pointing out that he is well connected in nationwide crime. Los Angeles recommends no effort be made to develop Cohen as a source of information or informant.

OBSERVATIONS:

Cohen's remarks were probably made in an off-hand fashion and it cannot be stated whether any real significance can be attached to them. On the other hand, his remarks may have significance since he apparently is attempting to get into a legitimate business and is considering leaving Los Angeles and taking up residence in Tucson. There can be little doubt about the wealth of information Cohen could furnish if he is so inclined. While there is little likelihood that he will cooperate, even the remote possibility should probably be explored.

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Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

ACTION:

There is attached a Personal and Confidential letter addressed to Los Angeles requesting elaboration on the statement that Cohen has been evasive, misleading, two-faced and ingratiating. It also requests the personal observation and recommendation of SAC Hood. Copies of the letter are being furnished to Phoenix with instructions to defer any contact with Cohen until a reply is received from Los Angeles.

I doubt the  
wisdom of  
having any-  
thing to do  
with Cohen

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*[Signature]*  
— I agree  
H.

←  
I think it is  
ok to get  
the details  
from her  
Angels

— I concur.  
H.

## Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : Mr. Rosen *R. J.*

SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN  
POTENTIAL CRIMINAL INFORMANT

DATE: May 7, 1951

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Gandy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PURPOSE:

To advise that SAC Hood, Los Angeles Division, has personally recommended that no efforts be taken in an effort to develop Mickey Cohen as a criminal informant of the Bureau.

BACKGROUND:

You will recall that Mickey Cohen was in Tucson, Arizona, at which time he was attempting to purchase a financial interest in two drug stores in that city. He stayed at the Tucson Biltmore Motel. Cohen indicated that he, Cohen, desired to cooperate with the FBI. Inquiry was directed to the Los Angeles Office as to the advisability of contacting Cohen.

RECOMMENDATION OF SAC HOOD:

The Los Angeles Office has advised that Cohen has been interviewed upon a number of occasions at which time he appeared anxious to impress the Agents that he wanted to be cooperative, however, all contacts with Cohen have indicated just the opposite. Upon one instance when Cohen was interviewed concerning the whereabouts of a fugitive, he told Agents, "I wouldn't tell you if he was in the next room." In another case he even refused to commit himself as to whether or not he would actually help the Agents in the event he obtained information of value to the case. He has also been described by Agents interviewing him as evasive, misleading, ingratiating and two-faced. Where a matter is of immediate interest to him, he is described as having no respect for the truth. It is also reported that other police officers have from time to time thought that they were using Cohen when later, to their sorrow and confusion, they found that it was actually they who had been used. On April 30, 1951, Cohen entered a plea of not guilty in connection with income tax evasion and the Los Angeles Office feels that Cohen might indicate cooperation with the Bureau in this case if at all possible. SAC Hood personally recommends that no efforts be taken to develop Cohen as an informant of the Bureau.

ACTION:

There is attached hereto a letter to the Los Angeles and Phoenix Divisions instructing that no efforts be taken in an effort to develop Cohen as an informant of the Bureau.

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Mr. Laughlin ✓  
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Miss Gandy ✓

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12-52 PM

DIRECTOR URGENT

MICHAEL -MICKEY- COHEN, INFO CONCERNING. USDC JURY, LA, TODAY CON-  
VICTED COHEN ON FOUR COUNTS OF INDICTMENT, THREE COUNTS RE INCOME  
TAX EVASION, ONE COUNT RE MAKING FALSE STATEMENT TO GOVT AGENCY,  
WHICH WAS INTERNAL REVENUE BUREAU.

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Mr. Alden ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Laughlin ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓

WASH 5 FROM LOS ANGELES 9 2-11 PM

DIRECTOR URGENT

MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN, WAS., INFO CONCERNING. COHEN SENTENCED IN  
FED. D. C. TODAY ON EACH OF FOUR COUNTS INCOME TAX VIOLATION TO  
FIVE YEARS AND TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, CONCURRENT. HIS ATTORNEY,  
[REDACTED] WITHDREW, AND COHEN THROUGH NEW ATTORNEYS  
INDICATED WILL APPEAL ON BASIS OF NEW EVIDENCE.

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cc: Mr. Rosen

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Los Angeles  
 SUBJECT: MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN  
 INCOME TAX MATTER

DATE: November 2, 1951

On November 1, 1951 one [REDACTED] telephoned from the State Attorney General's Office in Los Angeles.

He did not wish to mention any name, but it was obvious from his conversation that he was referring to MICKEY COHEN, inasmuch as he said that the individual had recently been convicted of Federal Income Tax evasion, and that while the State would not prosecute him the State was interested in recovering large sums of tax money due the State.

[REDACTED] said that he was calling to see if the FBI could be induced to assist the State Attorney General's Office in identifying assets of this individual which are located out of the state. He said it would require some investigation to determine whether the individual actually owns property in other states and then to identify it as to item and location in order that the State could take legal action to obtain the property.

He was advised that there did not appear to be any facts in his statement which would indicate that FBI would have any investigative jurisdiction. The Bureau's jurisdiction was explained to him. He was very friendly but stated that he intended to recommend to his superior that a recommendation be made to Governor WARREN of California to request FBI assistance in the collection of the tax debts owed by this and perhaps other major convicts.

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Laughlin ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

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G. I. R. -10

MICHAEL -MICKEY- COHEN, GIIF. RMYTEL TWENTYSEVENTH LAST. USA E. A.  
TOLIN, LA, ENTERED STRONG OBJECTION BEFORE NINTH CCA TO ORDER OF  
JUDGE WILLIAM DENMAN WHICH WOULD HAVE RELEASED COHEN FROM CUSTODY  
NOV. TWENTY EIGHT LAST PENDING APPEAL OF HIS CONVICTION ON INCOME  
TAX EVASION. TOLIN ASKED THAT ENTIRE CCA HEAR GOVT OBJECTIONS  
TO RELEASE. JUDGE DENMAN THEN ISSUED ORDER STAYING EXECUTION OF  
RELEASE AND SET HEARING ON GOVT MOTION FOR THIS WEEK. YESTERDAY  
SIX JUDGES OF CCA AT SAN FRANCISCO DENIED MOTION OF COHEN FOR  
RELEASE ON BAIL AND HE WILL REMAIN IN CUSTODY PENDING APPEAL  
COMPLETION. JUDGE DENMAN DID NOT SIT AT HEARING THIS WEEK. EFFECT  
OF ENTIRE COURT RULING WAS TO REVERSE PRIOR ORDER OF CHIEF JUDGE  
DENMAN. ABOVE FOR INFO ONLY.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: January 25, 1952

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

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Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The San Francisco Office has reported in connection with the General Investigative Intelligence File that [REDACTED] who is a member of the boxing commission has advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is suspected of acting as a "front" only for Mickey Cohen. [REDACTED] stated that he suspected that Cohen was the real [REDACTED]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *Re*  
 FROM : A. Rosen  
 SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION BETWEEN  
 MICKEY COHEN AND FLORABEL MUIR

DATE: January 30, 1952

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 Ladd ☐  
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 Glavin ☒  
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The Los Angeles Division in connection with the General Investigative Intelligence Program has reported that [REDACTED] has advised that he had been associated in numerous matters over a period of a year or so with Attorney [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] recently represented Cohen in connection with his appeal from the conviction for tax evasion.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] has been dismissed as counsel for Cohen, which dismissal was apparently instigated by Florabel Muir who is characterized as a notorious columnist for the Los Angeles Mirror. [REDACTED] Cohen desired [REDACTED] to represent him on an appeal but that Florabel Muir did not approve and Cohen was alleged to have attempted to get [REDACTED] to approach Florabel Muir on the matter but [REDACTED] refused to do so saying that he felt he should deal directly with Cohen who would be the client rather than with Florabel Muir.

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CC: Mr. [redacted]  
Mr. [redacted]

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Mr. A. Devitt Vanech  
Deputy Attorney General  
Director, FBI

January 30, 1952

~~5-212-20~~ 62-89947-86  
MICHAEL (MICKY) COHEN

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I thought that you might like to know that information has been received by this Bureau that Mickey Cohen the notorious West coast hoodlum recently convicted for violation of Internal Revenue laws, who is currently incarcerated in the Los Angeles County Jail pending action on his appeal from this conviction has received special favors from the jail personnel.

During the period of Cohen's incarceration he has been observed to meet with [redacted] in the office of the Chief Jailer where they were not attended by any jail officials. It has also been observed that Cohen and [redacted] have been allowed to exchange packages without the contents of these packages being inspected.

It has been reported by another investigative agency that [redacted] has acquired an attorney's jail pass which gives her access to the county jail at other than regular visiting hours. Further that Cohen has actually operated some kind of a gambling game in his cell block.

CC: Director James V. Bennett  
Bureau of Prisons

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD  
 FROM : MR. ROSEN  
 SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN

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DATE: January 25, 1952

In connection with the General Investigative Intelligence File, the Los Angeles Office has reported the following information concerning privileges granted to Cohen while in jail.

Two Special Agents of the Los Angeles Office were interviewed a subject of a Bureau investigation in the attorney's room of the Los Angeles County Jail at approximately 7:00 P.M. and the Agents observed [redacted] enter the attorney's room and after checking with the sergeant on duty she was admitted to the office of the Chief Jailer, which office is adjacent to the attorney's room. She was observed to be carrying a package. Shortly thereafter Cohen was observed to enter the attorney's room and proceed, unaccompanied, to the Chief Jailer's office. Cohen was observed to be carrying a package wrapped in a newspaper. About one hour and five minutes later, Cohen and [redacted] were observed to come out of the Chief Jailer's office at which time [redacted] was carrying a package wrapped in a newspaper and she proceeded to the sergeant's desk in the attorney's room where the officer who had been on duty in the Chief Jailer's office gave her a pass to take the package out of the jail.

The visiting hours for inmates of the Los Angeles County Jail are from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and from 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. There are no evening visiting hours and the only persons allowed to visit the inmates during evening hours are attorneys and bondsmen who are admitted because of official business.

It is obvious from the observations of the Agents that [redacted] received special treatment in her privilege of visiting [redacted] outside of regular visiting hours at the County Jail.

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if Cohen is in jail on a Federal charge we should take this matter up. 62-89947-86 96445-2

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *WHL*  
 FROM : Mr. Rosen *Ros*  
 SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN  
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DATE: February 19, 1952

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_

You will recall that the Bureau recently corresponded with the Department and Director Bennett of the Bureau of Prisons advising them that information had been received reflecting that Mickey Cohen while a Federal prisoner in the Los Angeles County Jail was being afforded special privileges.

The Los Angeles Division has advised that

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On January 30, 1952, Cohen was transferred from the Los Angeles County Jail to the Los Angeles City Jail.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *lbp* SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-3157)

DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 1952

SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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[REDACTED] that MICKEY COHEN, the notorious hoodlum, is receiving special courtesies during his present incarceration at the U.S. Penitentiary at McNeil Island. [REDACTED]

The above is being submitted for informative purposes, and no investigation will be conducted by the Los Angeles Office endeavoring to confirm such phone calls.

HMC:lbp

cc: Seattle

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SAC, Los Angeles (66-119)

November 4, 1952

Director, FBI

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DESTRUCTION OF TECHNICAL  
SURVEILLANCE LOGS

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Reurlet October 23, 1952, in which you request permission to destroy handwritten logs maintained in connection with the matter entitled "Michael (Micky) Cohen, Information Concerning, Racketeering Activities."

You have advised that the pertinent portions of these logs were summarized and indexed in the investigative files pertaining to this matter. You have also stated that the investigation in which they were made has been in a closed status for several years and there appears to be no reason to retain the logs.

On the basis of your recommendation, the Bureau will interpose no objection to the destruction of these logs provided you are satisfied that the information therein which is pertinent to the Cohen matter as well as other information which may be of interest to the Bureau has been included in the file.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/23/52

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (66-119)

SUBJECT: DESTRUCTION OF TECHNICAL  
SURVEILLANCE LOGS~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
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Rebulet dated March 10, 1949, captioned "MICHAEL (Micky) COHEN; INFORMATION CONCERNING, RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES." authorizing microphone surveillance [REDACTED] b7c

and mylet of same caption dated March 29, 1949, reporting that this surveillance was installed as of March 28, 1949. [REDACTED] b2

[REDACTED] was used in reporting information from this surveillance. The surveillance was discontinued as reported in mylet dated June 23, 1949, effective June 21, 1949, under caption "MICHAEL COHEN; [REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING, RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES."

In connection with above-described surveillance, handwritten logs were kept of information received. Pertinent portions were later summarized and furnished the Bureau, and the material was indexed in the investigative files where it was summarized. At this time there appears no reason to retain the handwritten logs. The investigation in which they were made is now and has been for several years in a closed status.

UACB before December 1, 1952, the handwritten logs will be destroyed.

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cc: LA 62-3157B

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ON 11/12/83Comp. # 211,847APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - United States Government

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (62-960)

SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN, was.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

November 19, 1954

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The following information on subject and his associates  
is set forth for information of the Bureau and offices indicated

TBE:eon  
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cc: Chicago (2)  
Los Angeles (4) (62-3157)  
Louisville (2)  
Minneapolis (2)  
Portland (2)  
Salt Lake City (2)  
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*Memo to Seattle*  
*12-1-54 JMK*

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MICKEY COHEN, was.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(Criminal Section,  
Investigative Division)

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On page 5 of your memorandum it was noted  
that

It is also reflected  
on page 5 of your memorandum

You are requested to  
ascertain whether there has been a violation  
of any Federal law

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The Bureau should be advised of the results  
of your contact with Skeen not later than 12-10-54.

JGL:mrs

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Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

December 22, 1954

Director, FBI

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MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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ON 7/21/98

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Reference is made to Bureau memorandum dated January 30, 1952, entitled "Michael (Mickey) Cohen," directed to former Deputy Attorney General A. Devitt Vanech, a copy of which was also sent to Director James V. Bennett, Bureau of Prisons, which contained information regarding Cohen.

This is to advise you that this Bureau

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cc: -1- (Seattle (62-960)

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This Bureau has conducted no investigation to verify the information furnished by these informants and none is contemplated. This is being furnished to you for your information and any action taken by you should be handled circumspectly [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

cc: -1- Mr. James V. Bennett  
Director, Bureau of Prisons

NOTE:

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *re*

DATE: 12-20-54

FROM : Mr. Price *gpr*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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SUBJECT: MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN  
 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

The purpose of this memorandum is to furnish you with information recently received concerning the above-captioned individual.

You will recall that Cohen was sentenced 7-9-51 to serve 5 years and fined \$10,000 for income tax violation.

The Los Angeles Office recently received information

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Memo to Mr. Rosen

At the time Cohen was confined to Los Angeles County Jail the Bureau received information that he was receiving special favors. This information was furnished to the Department and Bureau of Prisons. As a result, the Bureau of Prisons caused an unscheduled inspection to be made of the Los Angeles County Jail, at which time it was discovered that Cohen was receiving special privileges. Cohen was subsequently transferred to the Los Angeles City Jail and later to McNeil Island Penitentiary where he is presently confined.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) It is recommended that the above information be furnished to the Department and Bureau of Prisons for their information. (Memorandum to Olney with a copy to Bennett attached).

(2) It is also recommended [REDACTED]

**12-22-54**

**Director, FBI**

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**NICKY COHEN, wa.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

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Reference is made to your letter dated 12-9-54 in the above-captioned matter.

There is attached hereto for your information a copy of the Bureau's letter to Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, a copy of which has also been designated for Mr. James V. Bennett, Director, Bureau of Prisons, which is self-explanatory.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 9, 1954

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (62-960)

SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN, was.  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

\* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 7, 1955

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (33-88)

SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN, was.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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DATE 7/21/98 BY SP224/TAC/act/g/L

Seattle letter to Bureau and offices receiving copies of this communication, dated November 19, 1954, reflects the following:

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Indices of this office reflect that

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-3157)

SUBJECT: MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN  
GIIF

DATE: June 2, 1955

Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Sizoo  
Mr. Winterrowd  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Holloman

There are attached two photostatic copies of an article printed in "The California Jewish Voice" newspaper, May 6, 1955 edition, pages 3, 4 and 5 and page 6, column 4.

This article purports to be a "letter to the Editor" from HARRY COHEN, Chicago, who claims to be a brother of subject. It contains a statement that subject "will shock you with the greatest story you ever heard . . ." when he is released from the Federal Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington.

As the Bureau has been informed, MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN is serving a sentence at McNeil Island following his conviction at Los Angeles on charges of Federal Income Tax evasion. He does have a brother named HARRY COHEN, who has, on occasion, used the name HARRY KANE and who has been in Chicago in years past. Current information as to the location of HARRY COHEN is not available to this office.

This information is forwarded to the Bureau as of possible interest to the Department.

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1 cc: Seattle (Encls. - 2 photostatic  
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## The Island Prisoners

Mr. Sam Gach:

May I take this opportunity, to compliment you and your fine Jewish Paper, for that fine article on the situation at Mc. Neils Island, with the Jewish Inmates. I read your article with deep interest and also discussed it with

some prominent Jews here in Chicago, who are members of the B'nai B'rith etc. etc.

My brother, Mickey Cohen, presently at Mc. Neils Island, called your article to my attention.

Mickey, requested me to drop you a line and to thank you and your two fine reporters, who wrote the article, expressed by Rabbi Wachsman, whom I met on my trip to visit with Mickey, last year. I myself discussed that situation with the Rabbi, while there.

It is a shame how our Jewish people, organizations and prominent Jews, forget their own unfortunates. Our famous Anti-Defamation League goes right to work when a Negro is involved in any serious crimes, or for that matter, any other religion, is in trouble.

For many years I have watched the following:

When a rich Jew leaves a will, he never forgets Gentile chari-

ties and orphanages, Catholic schools, societies etc. etc.

Did you ever hear a rich Gentile leaving his will to read, to give one cent to any Jewish charities, etc. etc. It burns me up.

I had to try to instill a fighting for the Jewish spirit in Rabbi Wachsman, when I was in Tacoma, last year. I hope Rabbi Wagner, the new Chaplain at Mc. Neils Island takes a firm stand for the civil rights of the Jewish Boys there. As a minority, they have a tough way to go.

Did you or any one else ever investigate the percentage of PAROLES, granted to Jewish boys, who were entitled to it? When Mickey gets out he will shock you with the greatest story you ever heard, I know that.

Hope you will forgive me for taking this liberty, in my above assertions, with you, but I am

fighting mad, when I think about what is going on with we Jews and our civil liberties in the U.S.A.

I am certain Mickey would appreciate some word from you, as he is now trying to get out to the Honor Farm or a job in the Officers Dining Room for the few months he has left to serve. For your information, Mr. Gach, Mickey is entitled to some consideration, the last few months to be placed away from his present associates and environment, which will help to send him home a better citizen, instead of a bitter man.

Mr. Gach, a letter from you to the new Warden, Mr. Heritage, will help in my attempt, to get Mickey out to the Farm or a job in better surroundings, where he can come in contact with people, who can discuss what is going on in the outside world and not prison talk daily.

Harry Cohen,  
Chicago

"The California Jewish Voice"

May 6, 1955, page 4, columns 3, 4, 5,  
and page 6, column 4.

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SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

MICKEY COHEN  
GIIP

Reference is made to the news clippings submitted by your office indicating the recent release of Cohen from McNeil Island Federal Prison and his return to Los Angeles.

You should follow Cohen's activities through informants and other reliable sources and include him as a top hoodlum in your territory.

You should keep the Bureau advised of all developments of interest in connection with Cohen's activities.

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# UNDERWORLD EYES COHEN

Mickey's Return Here 'Adds Up to Trouble,' Consensus

By Henry Sutherland

Los Angeles and a world watched with fascination yesterday as Mickey Cohen, former gambling boss, was released from McNeil Island Federal Prison and headed for his former haunts here.

On the prison pier at Stella Point, Wash., Mickey blandly announced plans to open a Beverly Hills or Miracle Mile cafe, but the disclosure was considered far from reassuring.

Some considered the cafe a launching of Cohen's former avocations, for Mickey has always been a business man of one kind or another.

There was a hair-raising example when a "Sunset" magazine photo of Mickey and Harold G. Ballard, a former partner in death among the sportsworld, was published on August 18, 1948.

## PAINT STORE

Some before that, when Mickey was still a growing boy, he had been held, he operated a paint store on Beverly boulevard, when he had a high difference of opinion with a fellow named Maxie.

Maxie was reported enraged because Mickey had "roughed up" his brother, Joe. He entered the store with a gun in his hand, but Mickey proved a better and timelier marksman, and his plea of self-defense was accepted.

Yesterday a consensus felt that Mickey's return to circulation after two years adds up to trouble. There were wide differences of opinion as to the nature of the unpleasantness which appears to have caused Mickey's return. Some said "he was in the hands of the Rothman family."

# UNDERWORLD

The chances are so great, however, that contacts and the bag of the Los Angeles underworld situation are extremely fluid. On one hand, considerations might provide Mickey with considerable leverage toward the gambling world eminence he formerly occupied.

On the other hand, renewed Cohen activity might irritate formidable competitors to the extent of turning the normal cold war in the illicit gambling industry red hot.

Relative peace has prevailed for several years, and there hasn't been a major gangland killing here since 1951. Recently, however, there have been evidences that the peace is troubled.

One such evidence developed last September 16, when unidentified persons fired three pistol shots into the expensive Pacific Palisades home of Maxie Klieger.

Klieger, called "Mr. Big" in Santa Monica Bay gambling enterprises, told police he was mystified by the shots since "everybody knows."

## CURIOSITY

Considerable curiosity is abroad here as to who Mickey included in his current list of friends. It is a list of close friendships.

and the late Harry Siegel, killed to death in 1947, and at other times he appeared to back in the favor of the Mike group. But at one time another Mickey appeared with both factions, and while Mickey's percentage was played was "independent."

ago, the result of one of the differences of opinion, of which appears to be the time of the hanging of the Rothman family.

This shows a view which Henry Cohen and Albert S. Cohen, Mickey's brother, have the chance to wash his hands of the tributes.

The highly-exposed name of Pedro was not Mickey's Brentwood home, but his real troubles began early in 1942.

Cohen, seven henchmen, two policemen and others were indicted on charges of conspiracy to assault a radio repair man, A. M. Pearson, who had foreclosed on a widow's home to satisfy a small, unpaid bill.

Mickey's connection with the case was attributed to a "Robin Hood" whimsy on the little man's part, but it led to serious results.

Apparently the Mafia still disapproved of him, and the word circulated that "Cohen is a good for Italian."

There followed a falling away from Mickey of his Italian associates, with one exception, that of Frank Niccoli, who was one of his bodyguards.

Mickey and the others were eventually acquitted of the conspiracy to assault charge, but in the meantime, Niccoli and another bodyguard, Little Davy, vanished without trace.

and Mickey had to make good a forfeited \$75,000 bail. Shooting again in July, 1947, when he was again in the hands of the police.

Herbert A. Cohen, a bodyguard, was killed in the shooting. Mickey's brother, Albert, was also involved in the shooting.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
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- Miss Gandy

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as they [redacted] Strip  
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Shotgun [redacted] away at  
the group [redacted] and a sign  
board across [redacted] St. Cohen,  
for the first time in his career,  
was slightly [redacted]. So were  
all of the others. Herbert was  
killed.

Seven months later, Febru-  
ary 6, 1950, a dynamite bomb  
shattered Mickey's home, but  
the pudgy little gambler still  
protested.

"I ain't got the slightest  
idea why anyone would want  
to kill me."

During the same year the  
State Crime Commission  
worked Mickey over, revealing  
bookmaking activities and  
"mob" fleups, and later the  
Senate's Kefauver Committee  
on Organized Crime raked him  
with embarrassing questions  
here.

#### ATTORNEY DIES

In December, 1950, when Co-  
hen's friend and attorney, Sam-  
uel Rumpel, was killed in a  
shotgun ambush, Mickey com-  
plained.

"I don't know what's be-  
hind all this. All I know is  
someone's out to get me or  
see that I go broke, and  
they're doing a pretty good  
job of it."

Mickey insisted that he was  
broke—flat broke—when he  
was convicted of income tax  
evasion in June of 1951, and  
his Brentwood fortress home  
was sold to satisfy a judgment  
in connection with the Niccoli  
ball forfeiture.

When Cohen returns to Los  
Angeles, probably today, he  
will find his former associates  
scattered—some in Las Vegas,  
some elsewhere—with the ex-  
ception of Sam Farkas, one of  
the last of his bodyguards.

Farkas has reportedly been  
in communication with mem-  
bers of Mickey's family, lead-  
ing to comment that if he re-  
sumes association with Cohen  
he must own a stout heart, con-  
sidering the fate of four previ-  
ous bodyguards.

A tantalizing fact in that  
connection is that Mickey, him-  
self, while present at the over, has  
seldom been [redacted] the leading  
bombers to [redacted] that the  
gunners "knew" Mickey.  
Why—[redacted] never has  
been explained.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/25/55

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-3157)

SUBJECT: MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN, was.  
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE - GIIF

Rebulet 10/27/55.

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The above information was discussed with  
Lt. [REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department.  
Intelligence Division, on 11/18/55.

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On 11/21/55, SA [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Office identified [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] He said [REDACTED] is commonly known as [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED] is familiar with [REDACTED] knowing him to be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] recalls that [REDACTED] reportedly has a criminal record as a result of a narcotics conviction a number of years ago. b7c b7D

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Files of the Los Angeles Office contain references to [REDACTED] both under [REDACTED]  
These references identify him but furnish no information to throw a light on this matter. b7c b7D

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[REDACTED]

Efforts are being made to ascertain more  
information from business license records sources  
[REDACTED]

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The Bureau will be kept advised of anything appearing  
pertinent.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (REGISTERED MAIL)  
FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (94-146)  
SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN, was.  
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DATE: 11/28/55

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Reference is made to Seattle Office letter to Bureau in captioned matter dated November 19, 1954. Reference is also made to Seattle Office letter to Los Angeles dated November 1, 1955, entitled, "MICHAEL "Mickey" COHEN, etal G.I.F." (Seattle File 62-525).

In this latter letter, Seattle Office provided information, [REDACTED]

It was further set forth in the Seattle letter that [REDACTED]

It was further set forth that [REDACTED]

The Seattle Office requested that the Los Angeles and Portland Offices [REDACTED]

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reflect that [REDACTED]

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Captain [REDACTED] said that all these individuals were non committal concerning their present occupations, but he determined that [REDACTED]

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Captain [REDACTED] stated that without the knowledge of these individuals, his department photographed a letter

[REDACTED]

This letter is being forwarded to the Los Angeles Office, who may be more familiar with the contents of the letter due to the fact that office has more complete details as to MICKEY COHEN and his associates. It is requested that any information contained therein, that would appear to be of interest to either the Chicago Office, or other offices, be furnished to them.

In addition, Captain [REDACTED] had photographed, on two separate sheets, some 3" x 5" cards, 12 in number, which bear numerous telephone numbers and addresses hand-printed in ink. Some of these writings are somewhat illegible. The addresses can not be fully determined by the Portland Office. These two sheets bearing the above described data are being forwarded to the Bureau with the suggestion that the handprinting thereon be enlarged sufficiently for reading purposes, and if there is any information contained thereon which appears to be of interest to the various field offices, copies of these be furnished to those offices. These items were apparently found in possession of [REDACTED] and were photographed apparently without his knowledge.

It should be noted that while at the Benson Hotel, MICKEY COHEN or some of his confederates, made a number of long distance telephone calls on October 9, 1955, which were made within the following divisions of the Bureau as follows:

Seattle, Washington	EL 8320
	MA 2000 (twice)
Los Angeles, California	GR 57343
	RI 81212 (three times)
	WE 13083
Arcadia, California	CE 5118

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PCI [redacted] advised an agent that on [redacted] when MICKEY COHEN was in Portland, that [redacted]

[redacted] It should be held a long conversation in the [redacted] noted that COHEN also made a telephone call to [redacted] while in Portland. [redacted] has a gambling wheel in the [redacted] and has been identified in many previous GIIF surveys as a big time slotmachine operator, who has in the past run a gambling club in Reno, Nevada, and who allegedly is a friend of MICKEY COHEN.

[redacted] have an interest in the Sahara Club, Las Vegas, Nevada, and are well known bookmakers and gamblers.

[redacted] is believed to have an interest there at the present. He is identical with [redacted] who [redacted] operated a large number of slot machines in Portland, Oregon, during the middle 40's. [redacted] were sentenced to McNeil Island Penitentiary in January, 1952, to serve four and one half years each for violation of income tax regulations, and would undoubtedly know MICKEY COHEN, who was at McNeil Island too. It should be noted that [redacted] were released from McNeil Island several months previously.

The foregoing information is being furnished to the Bureau and interested offices as a matter of information in GIIF matters.

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MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN, WITH ALIASES  
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

[REDACTED]

Lt. [REDACTED] Los Angeles Police  
Department, said he has heard Cohen was  
trying to buy a place in China Town and  
that the police department was attempting  
to check out this story.

[REDACTED]

He reportedly has a criminal record as the  
result of a narcotic conviction some years  
ago.

[REDACTED]

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 12, 1956

FROM : *gfm* SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-3157)SUBJECT: MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN, was.,  
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On October 20, 1955, PCI [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that following COHEN's return to Los Angeles from prison, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that even though "the outfit" had made thousands of dollars through COHEN in gambling, COHEN is considered now to be "no good" for them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] "the outfit" had issued orders that no business was to be done with COHEN. [REDACTED] a meeting would be held in Chicago to determine whether or not any action should be taken against COHEN. It is noted that SA [REDACTED] knows that [REDACTED]

"the outfit" [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] a nationwide syndicate considered [REDACTED] as the Mafia.

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MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Informant [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] Cohen's underworld friends had made thousands through him in gambling activities but have now issued orders against any further connection with Cohen. [REDACTED] underworld members would determine whether any action should be taken against Cohen. [REDACTED]

JGL: mrs [REDACTED]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 13, 1956

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-3157)

SUBJECT: MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN, was.  
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE - GIIFALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Remylet, dated 1/12/56.

On January 25, 1956, Lieutenant [REDACTED] Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department, advised that his office is still very much interested in COHEN, being particularly interested to learn what COHEN intends to do when his conditional release period is at an end and he is no longer under the supervision of the Federal Probation Office. In line with the police interest, [REDACTED] stated they have determined that COHEN frequently telephones to one [REDACTED]

He said he suspects these women may be engaged in prostitution and his office is making efforts to determine their activities. He said COHEN also frequently calls the Normandie Club, a poker parlor at Gardena, California, and a [REDACTED] says the significance of these calls is unknown to his office.

Lieutenant [REDACTED] continued that COHEN is still in almost daily contact with [REDACTED]

Also, [REDACTED] said that they have learned that COHEN is trying to buy in to the Biltmore Florists, a successful venture in Los Angeles. [REDACTED] said the police cannot understand where COHEN could be of any particular value to the Biltmore Florist Company. He added that there are rumors COHEN is attempting to purchase a piece of property [REDACTED]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 27, 1956

FROM : *gjc* LOS ANGELES (94-430)SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE  
INTELLIGENCE FILE  
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Re SAC letter 53-58, dated August 25, 1955 (Section 8)

There are enclosed memoranda on the following persons who have been designated as top hoodlums in the Los Angeles division:

MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN  
FBI #755912JACK IGNATIUS DRAGNA  
FBI #307014ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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FBI #2585380JOHN ROSELLI  
FBI #3339986JOSEPH SICA  
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MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN - FBI #755912  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE  
(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

*Index all names*

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

On October 9, 1955, COHEN was released from Mc Neil Island Penitentiary. He was met by a group including, according to information from Seattle on November 1, 1955, one [REDACTED] characterized as a Portland racketeer, and others. The Portland Office on November 28, 1955, advised that in addition to [REDACTED] who they named as one of the heads of the Portland syndicate, COHEN's greeters included MICKEY's brother, HARRY M. COHEN, whose name has been reportedly changed to HARRY M. COLEN, of Chicago; [REDACTED]

The group registered upon arrival at the Benson Hotel, Portland, where they were almost immediately met by Portland police officers who placed COHEN aboard a United Airlines plane enroute to Los Angeles after telling him he was not welcome in their city.

[REDACTED]

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That COHEN did join into such an organization is indicated through information obtained when he was arrested at Palm Springs, California, on the week end of February 11, 1956. At that time, according to Captain [REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department, Intelligence Division Commander, COHEN had business cards in his pocket printed with the legend "Michael's Tropical Plants; Sales Rentals Service; Five Greenhouses, 1115 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles; MICHAEL COHEN." The police, according to [REDACTED] have ascertained that this landscaping service is in some way connected with the Biltmore Florists, a well established and supposedly highly successful operation. From time to time it becomes apparent

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that COHEN actually is selling some sort of florist service, which no one has yet shown to be a racket. As an example, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that on March 2, 1956, a man and a "tough looking" young woman who used the name [REDACTED] (phonetic) sought audience with [REDACTED] and presented a MICHAEL COHEN business card, saying word that they would like to discuss landscaping. [REDACTED] that because of COHEN the proposal was rejected. [REDACTED]

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On the other hand, when COHEN went to Palm Springs the week end of February 11, 1956, he was arrested by the Palm Springs Police Department on charges of failing to register as an ex-convict in that town. This episode received much publicity in the Los Angeles press, with the "Los Angeles Mirror-News" carrying rather lengthy articles written by [REDACTED] a reporter known to law enforcement and other newspaper men as unusually well informed regarding hoodlums and racket activities here. The "Mirror-News" write ups have been verified by Captain [REDACTED] who advised that COHEN on February 10, 1956, met at the Los Angeles International Airport [REDACTED] a Chicago criminal attorney, with whom he then went to Palm Springs. [REDACTED] allegedly registered COHEN at the Desert Inn Motel as "M. WEAVER," the registration later changed by COHEN to "M. COHEN." One of the charges placed against him by the Palm Springs Police Department was that he failed to register under his true name at a hotel. There was apparently a slight altercation between COHEN and the Palm Springs [REDACTED] when COHEN found he was going to have to go to jail. He pleaded not guilty and asked for a jury trial; however, an hour after he had been released on \$1,000. bail which was raised by his wife, he was back in court where he pleaded guilty and paid a total of \$75. in fines. He left Palm Springs immediately, returning with [REDACTED] to the International Airport where [REDACTED] vacation in Palm Springs was forthwith terminated when he embarked on an air liner bound for Chicago.

The "Mirror-News" articles quoted an unnamed police source as saying, "This could mean MICKEY is moving into the big time." The article then qualified [REDACTED] stating that he and [REDACTED] have listed among their clients numerous Chicago hoodlums such as the late JAKE "Greasy Thumb" GUZIK; slot machine king EDDIE VOGEL; [REDACTED]

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MURRAY "The Camel" HUMPHREYS; RALPH [REDACTED] CAPONE; TONY ACCARDO; ANTHONY "Tough Tony" CAPEZIO; and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] gave as his hotel reference at Palm Springs. [REDACTED] named by the "Mirror-News" as a wealthy Chicago [REDACTED] who has been billed as a notorious gambler and mystery figure in a Chicago crime-and-politics probe. It said [REDACTED] partner in some ventures is [REDACTED] a former member of the CAPONE gang. Regarding [REDACTED] the "Mirror" said he was a suspect in 1955 in the murder of ALEX GREENBERG, bookkeeper for "the crime syndicate." The news article continued that police here were reportedly concerned that COHEN [REDACTED] was making a connection with the remnants of the notorious Al Capone syndicate.

The information regarding [REDACTED] was in some measure verified by the Chicago Office which advised on March 6, 1956, regarding [REDACTED] background and activity. Among other things, the Chicago Office advised that [REDACTED], Chicago Crime Commission, was personally acquainted with [REDACTED] who he said was [REDACTED] in a firm handling only highly priced professional criminals. [REDACTED] said they had handled the top syndicate men in Chicago for many years and that no action had ever been taken against [REDACTED] by the courts or by the Bar Association. He added that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are very liberal spenders and are very friendly with the police, courts, and newspapers.

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Captain [REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department, have advised that COHEN has an extremely active interest in the desert areas in San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial Counties.

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A report was received that COHEN and [REDACTED] had made a contact with somebody while enroute to Palm Springs, this somebody being reported as [REDACTED]. There is much speculation, particularly on the part of Captain [REDACTED] and others in his division regarding this contact which was at [REDACTED] a town specifically incorporated for the purpose of invoking the option of local government to permit draw poker, such as is practiced in Gardena, California, where plush poker parlors abound. COHEN admitted [REDACTED] stopping in [REDACTED] but claimed he was only there briefly and not for business purposes.

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On March 15, 1956, the newspapers all carried the sensationally written story that MICKEY COHEN was that day sued for divorce by his "pretty red haired" wife. She reportedly charged mental cruelty and is quoted as saying, "It's just one of those unfortunate things. We haven't been able to make adjustments since he got back." She claimed, according to the "Los Angeles Herald Express," that the divorce would be a friendly one which they had mutually agreed would be for the best . . . "We've both changed since he's been gone; it's not any more MICKEY's fault than mine."

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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: August 6, 1956

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN

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In response to your request, attached are Photostats of pertinent articles and editorials concerning Cohen, together with two suggested additional sources of information, all from public sources. Cohen's FBI identification record is also attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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cc - Mr. Nichols, with copies of Photostats and additional sources of information

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/11/56

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-430)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE  
INTELLIGENCE FILE

Re SAC letter 53-58, dated 8/25/53, Section B.

There are enclosed memoranda on the following persons who have been designated as top hoodlums in the Los Angeles Division:

MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN  
FBI #755912JAMES ALADENA FRATIANNO  
FBI #832558[REDACTED]  
NICHOLAS LICATA  
FBI #2585380JOHN ROSELLI  
FBI #3339986JOSEPH SICA  
FBI #343378  
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The Los Angeles Police Department, according to Captain [REDACTED] in February, 1956, were interested enough to check on this business, finding that COHEN was actively selling some sort of florist service. The Police suspected that there was a racket angle to COHEN's enterprise, but if such is the case, they have failed to unearth it. b7c

On October 11, 1956, Lt. [REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department, advised that two officers of the Intelligence Division a week ago interviewed COHEN, who claimed that he has a 50% interest in the business, still known as "Michael's Tropical Plants." [REDACTED] said COHEN described this business as "a tremendous racket...out of this world....," indicating that he is earning a substantial income from its operation, and that it is entirely legitimate, i.e. that there is a great demand and ready market for his services. b7c

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During March, 1956. PCI [REDACTED] b7c b7D

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In May, 1956, one ELMER PERRY was killed by gunfire in Los Angeles. PERRY years ago was allegedly very active in illegitimate gambling enterprises, but, according to PCI

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[redacted] in conversation with SA [redacted] on May 26, 1956, PERRY was apparently not "set in right" with the gambling combination now operating in Los Angeles, and his murder, according to this informant's speculation, was the result of PERRY's attempting to press certain members of the gambling fraternity. His murder has not been solved. Regarding ELMER PERRY's murder, Sgt. [redacted]

[redacted] Los Angeles Police Department, advised SA [redacted] on June 4, 1956 that he had received word from an informant that JOE [redacted], local hoodlums, and bookmakers, and MICKEY COHEN had all been seen within the week prior to PERRY's murder [redacted]

[redacted] could not say whether or not [redacted] SICA and COHEN were seen together. The Police Department in any event did not take COHEN into custody or as far as is known did not even question him regarding PERRY's murder. b7C

On May 5, 1956, Captain [redacted], Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department, furnished SA [redacted] a photostatic copy of a typewritten letter and envelope. The letter was addressed to the Manager of the Queen of Angels Hospital, Los Angeles, California, and was signed by COHEN. It was a "chain letter", asking for contributions, and the letter listed several names, including COHEN's, at the bottom. [redacted] name appeared directly above COHEN's, and [redacted] requested that contributions received through the chain be made to Missionary Communication Service, Inc. Investigation has revealed that the Missionary Communication Service, Inc. is actually [redacted] COHEN asked that contributions received through the chain be made through the [redacted] Evangelistic Association, Inc. Other names on the letter, which the Manager of Queen of Angels Hospital had turned in to the Los Angeles Police Department and which in turn has been brought by this office to the attention of the Post Office Inspectors, include three persons in Texas, all engaged in the oil business. Inquiry by the Houston and Dallas offices reflects that the individuals are legitimate. Contributions requested by them were for various charitable organizations. b7C

As has been previously reported, [redacted]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Since COHEN's release from prison he has received much financial assistance [REDACTED] and there has been some theorizing, even in the newspapers, that COHEN would enter some type of a religious racket. There was a suspicion, of course, that [REDACTED] COHEN were attempting through this chain letter scheme to raise money for themselves rather than for the charitable institutions [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Nothing has been proven along this line, and it is not even known whether or not the chain letter was successful. When and if consummated, the chain letter was designed to obtain \$6,250.00 for each charitable, educational or religious organization designated by the person whose name appeared in the number one position.

On July 31, 1956, Lt. [REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department Intelligence Division, advised SA [REDACTED] that, according to an arrest report which had just been dropped on his desk, an officer from the Highland Park Division, Los Angeles Police Department, stopped COHEN on July 30, 1956, while COHEN was driving a green two door sedan, the registered owner of which the officer failed to report. COHEN had in the car with him [REDACTED] who furnished the officer his address as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Lt. [REDACTED] said a review of Police files reflects [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] said the Police officer had not spent much time interrogating these men and had failed to report any reason they stated for being together.

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[REDACTED]

As mentioned above, Lt. [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Police Department provided some information on October 11, 1956 regarding COHEN's current activities, as obtained through an interview a week before. Among other things as mentioned above, COHEN told the interviewing officers that he is still on Federal parole. He told the officers that he and [REDACTED], have finally split up, and it looks like there will be no reconciliation. He told the officers that he is living at the Cordova Arms Apartments, address not furnished.

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A review of Los Angeles Telephone Directories fails to reveal an apartment building under the name Cordova Arms.

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Regarding COHEN's marital status, the Los Angeles newspapers in March, 1956 reported that [REDACTED] had filed divorce proceedings against COHEN. [REDACTED]

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The Los Angeles City News Service on June 28, 1956 published an article stating that COHEN, "the ex-gambler turned nurseryman," on that date announced a reconciliation [REDACTED] b7C

On August 31, 1956, Lt. [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that on August 29, 1956, officers of the Los Angeles Police Department Intelligence Division observed the crowd attending a boxing match at the Olympic Auditorium. Among others they noted that MICKEY [REDACTED] were there, and that they were together. COHEN's assertion to officers a week ago that he and [REDACTED] are through is the first indication of a change. b2 b7C b7D

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/29/57

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (94-430)

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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March 15, 1957  
Los Angeles, California

MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN, FBI # 755912  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE  
(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

MICKEY COHEN continues to operate "Michael's Tropical Plants", which Los Angeles Police, according to Lt. [REDACTED] Intelligence Division, are convinced is a racket front. The Police Department has maintained a very close interest in COHEN's activities and a continuing pressure on him. They have not, however, come up with anything tangible to definitely reflect what rackets, if any, he is indulging in. COHEN, of course, claims to be entirely legitimate and to be earning his livelihood strictly out of the greenhouse business. **b7C**

[REDACTED] on March 11, 1957, advised that COHEN was interviewed at length by the popular Television News Commentator, [REDACTED] who was at first inclined to be sympathetic with COHEN, particularly with reference to COHEN's never ending controversy with the Police Department. During [REDACTED] interview with COHEN, mention was frequently made by COHEN about his business, known as Michael's Tropical Plants, and, finally, [REDACTED] who is remodeling his \$120,000.00 home, suggested COHEN might like to bid on the landscaping. [REDACTED] asked a few questions about plants and ideas, and COHEN became confused, according to our source, who was listening in. Source thought it became very evident that COHEN has at best a very meager knowledge of horticulture, and he has noted with interest that COHEN failed to recontact [REDACTED], a fact which leads source to believe that COHEN's landscaping business is purely a fake and is probably just what the Police believed it to be, i.e. a front to make COHEN's rather lavish scale of living seem possible through legitimate means, and a headquarters where COHEN can seclude himself with cronies for the purpose of working out deals. It is the contention of Lt. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Capt. [REDACTED] that COHEN is right back in his old racket of shaking down bookmakers and probably any other illegal activity from which he can gain a dollar. **b2 b7D b7C**

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The Police are aware that COHEN is associating with underworld characters again, practically to the exclusion of any other type of people. Verification of this comes occasionally from sources of the Los Angeles Office, such as [REDACTED]

On November 6, 1956, Lt. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had contacted COHEN and had spent three days in his company. [REDACTED] said all other criminals who have been around COHEN recently include [REDACTED] who has allegedly served ten years at Joliet Penitentiary on a kidnapping charge. (Los Angeles files contain two references on [REDACTED] one of them relating to an attempted shakedown [REDACTED])

In October, 1956, COHEN acquired, through Hillcrest Motors, a new Cadillac - a big black sedan - in which COHEN was being chauffeured by one of his old gang members. COHEN paid \$1,800.00 down, using a check drawn on the account of Michael's Tropical Plants. The Police determined that the bank balance in that account was only \$300.00 when the check was written, a fact which COHEN admitted to the auto dealer, at the same time indicating his company was expecting a \$1,500.00 check to be deposited later that day.

Subsequently, COHEN has traded in the 1956 Cadillac on a 1957 model.

COHEN has obviously become a vexing enigma to the Police Department, particularly to Capt. [REDACTED] who COHEN loses no opportunity to goad. It was with an air of injured innocence that COHEN went to [REDACTED] complaining bitterly of harrassment against him by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Division, which COHEN, during a television interview by another News Commentator, [REDACTED] dubbed [REDACTED] Division."

COHEN is rumored in Police circles to have regained control of some \$128,000.00 worth of stocks and securities,

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ostensibly money hidden out before he went on trial for income tax evasion in 1951. This information the Police picked up from some girl, but they have not been able to verify it. They do know, however, that COHEN frequents expensive night clubs, sometimes spending from \$200.00 to \$300.00 in a night, and they note with interest, too, that COHEN is living in a \$175.00 per month apartment at the Del Capri Hotel in West Los Angeles. He is said to live alone, but he surrounds himself with women. Another rumor involving COHEN is that his brother or one of his brothers-in-law is allegedly going to build a nine story office building on Wilshire Boulevard. Lt. [REDACTED] is confident that if such is accomplished, COHEN's money will do it because no one else in his family has ever been known to have any appreciable amount of money.

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Another hint of COHEN's activities has come from

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Another possible hint as to how COHEN's income is being derived came [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Captain [REDACTED] subsequently advised that [REDACTED] has admitted that COHEN has "borrowed" \$19,000.00 from "frinds" since his release from McNeil Island Penitentiary. This has convinced [REDACTED] that COHEN is back in the old "borrowing" racket, striking at those vulnerable people who never go to Police when subjected to such shakedowns.

[REDACTED] said COHEN has practically no merchandise in his greenhouse, which has been visited by officers, but he has a certain number of imitation tropical plants, which he allegedly sends out to selected customers whether or not they want the junk. He then submits a bill, according to [REDACTED] and if the customer is vulnerable enough or sufficiently intimidated, he simply pays the bill.

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On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised he had received information COHEN is back in the bookmaking business and at that time had been operating a book for about one month.

In December, [REDACTED] Intelligence Division attempted to make a case on COHEN as a result of COHEN's attack on one [REDACTED] a bookmaker who stood conviction in 1951. [REDACTED]

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The Police filed an ADW against COHEN, arresting him on that and other more minor charges. The Police witnesses to the matter were not strong, even [REDACTED] testifying very weakly before the Grand Jury. As a result no indictment was returned, and the Police received somewhat adverse publicity. The whole outcome of that affair seemed

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to COHEN's advantage, and soon afterward COHEN was being quoted in Los Angeles newspapers as complaining that the Police, principally Captain [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], were trying "to take away my life and do me any injury they can." COHEN got some more publicity in connection with his appearance before the County Grand Jury to answer questions about his possible connection with an alleged attempt by boxer [REDACTED] to fix a fight. No connection on the part of COHEN was shown, but a member of [REDACTED] staff got into some sort of verbal controversy with COHEN and the newspapers picked it up.

COHEN was widely quoted as calling the officer a "punk" and suggesting that the officer take off his "tin badge" and have it out with COHEN.

Notorious West Coast hoodlums, JOE [REDACTED] b7c  
SICA, have just recently been acquitted by a jury of charges including conspiracy and assault with intent to do great bodily harm to two individuals. COHEN appeared at their trial as a defense witness to rebut testimony of one of [REDACTED] whom Defense Attorney [REDACTED] said would be questioned about facts in her past life with which COHEN was said to be familiar.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] COHEN's recent relationships with her, if any, have not been made clear.

On [REDACTED], PCI [REDACTED] advised that COHEN is again "handling action fixes and considers himself a big shot." This PCI believes COHEN is actually a front for "the syndicate" in setting up its operations.

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Soon after COHEN's testimony in the SICA matter, Attorney [REDACTED] of Beverly Hills, according to Captain [REDACTED] on February 15, 1957, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

This seemingly close relationship between the SICAS and COHEN is a remarkable change from their attitude of a few years ago, when they were supposedly very much at odds over their various bookmaking interests.

After the Police Department lost its case against COHEN for attempting to shake \$500.00 out of [REDACTED] b7C the Police filed a charge against him for disturbing the peace. The two count indictment specified that he had used profane language in a loud and boisterous manner in the presence of women. On March 1, 1957, COHEN was found innocent of these charges by a jury in Municipal Court. The "Los Angeles Times", in reporting the verdict, said COHEN wrung the hand of the jury foreman after the verdict was announced, crying, "I will try to live up to your verdict." The article noted that the charges came out of an incident in the Police Department's Intelligence Division Offices last December 27, when COHEN was being interviewed. [REDACTED] COHEN became, according to the officer who signed the complaint, loud and profane in the presence of female Police employees [REDACTED] where the incident occurred. In his defense COHEN claimed that [REDACTED] and others in the Intelligence Division have conducted a campaign of constant harrassment against him since his release from McNeil Island Penitentiary. The article said that COHEN's attorney, [REDACTED] in his final argument, dwelt at length on [REDACTED] admitted hatred of COHEN. He said to the jury, "This is not a case of the People Vs. COHEN but of [REDACTED] Vs. COHEN." He

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accused [REDACTED] of hiding behind a Police shield to carry out personal hatred, accused him of lying on the witness stand, and described him in unsavory terms. The paper reported that [REDACTED] solemnly told the jury its verdict was a matter of life and death to COHEN, because "if Mr. COHEN is found guilty it will give [REDACTED] a license to hunt, to harrass." The prosecution attempted to prove COHEN capable of lying, pointing out how he had lied on his income tax returns. He asked the jury to believe the Policeman. The article said that jurors were reluctant to discuss their verdict, but the foreman reportedly said that the jury were not convinced that the peace was disturbed by COHEN to the extent that the prosecution contended.

In the meantime, in December, 1956, COHEN appeared at the Los Angeles Office to complain that his civil rights had been violated by members of the Los Angeles Police Department, particularly and specifically Sgt. [REDACTED]. COHEN signed a statement in which he alleged, among other things, that [REDACTED] had been heard by numerous persons, some of whom COHEN named and some of whom he did not, that COHEN was to be killed. He said he was in fear of his life, and he related his version of certain contacts with [REDACTED], particularly one when [REDACTED] allegedly pulled his gun and threatened COHEN. The information as received was submitted for consideration by the Department of Justice, which first ordered a preliminary investigation and later rescinded that order, after contact had been made by this Office with Captain [REDACTED] regarding a proposed interview with [REDACTED].

Almost immediately after his contact with the Los Angeles Office, COHEN got the word to newspaper friends that the FBI was investigating violation of his civil rights by the Police Department, and this matter received some considerable publicity, all of which was most disconcerting to those involved with the exception of COHEN.

Each time when COHEN appeared at the Los Angeles Office, he was driven in his new Cadillac by IRVING H. GOLDBERG, wa. "Ruffy", Irving Goldenberg, FBI No. 722502, who has been characterized by the Police Department as "gambler, bookie, bank roll for other gamblers, and floating crap games."

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FROM : Mr. A. Jones

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Mickey Cohen, the Los Angeles hoodlum who now is in the florist business and claims to be going straight, appeared on the Mike Wallace interview program, ABC-TV, at 10:00 p.m., Sunday, May 19, 1957.

Wallace described Cohen as a colorful and notorious gangster who was convicted of income tax evasion in 1951 and served four years. He asked Cohen why after having "booked, bootlegged and killed"--he is going straight now. Cohen answered that he has had his "belly filled with the so-called rackets" and that he has a "complete will" to divorce himself from illegal activities.

With regard to the reports that Billy Graham, the evangelist, has had a great influence on Cohen, Cohen indicated he still is a Jew and that he regards Billy Graham highly but is not a religious follower of Graham.

Cohen was openly critical of [redacted] of the Los Angeles Police Department. He described [redacted] as nothing but a "reformed thief." He does not consider [redacted] honest, but he qualified that while [redacted] cannot be paid off, he is politically ambitious and dishonest in that way. Cohen stated that views similar to this concerning [redacted] also have been expressed by [redacted] of the "Los Angeles Examiner." Cohen described [redacted] as having become "holier than thou," referred to [redacted] "gestapo tactics," said [redacted] has no respect for decency and described [redacted] as a "disgusting alcoholic." He further described [redacted] as a "sadistic degenerate." In connection with Cohen's florist business, Cohen stated that [redacted] and others on the Los Angeles Police Department have asked Cohen's customers if he has "muscled" them to buy his plants.

[redacted] will sue him if he has any self-respect. Cohen further stated that Captain [redacted] of the Los Angeles Police Department (which Cohen calls the [redacted]) is a "lower degenerate" than [redacted].

Cohen refused to identify any crooked politicians or any other public officials who were instrumental in his illegal operations. He said that it is against his "code" to name others--just as it has been against his ethics to engage in narcotics or prostitution operations. He stated, however, that as a bookie he handled \$250,000 a day to \$600,000 a day and that it would be impossible to operate like this without an "OK" from politicians. He inferred that his political sources were stronger than the Mayor of Los Angeles.

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Cohen refused to state how many persons he has killed. He claimed that he has killed no man who "by the standards of our society" didn't deserve it and indicated that he acted strictly in self-defense.

In response to a question concerning Senator Estes Kefauver, Cohen described Kefauver as a "fine and able gentleman." He said that politicians had placed obstacles in the path of Senator Kefauver's investigation into organized crime.

With respect to the notorious Frank Costello, Cohen said he considers Costello to be a "fine gentleman" and feels that the recent attempt on Costello's life was made by a "punk" who was seeking merely to make a reputation for himself.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

*The whole performance was disgraceful*

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Parsons ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
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✓ TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, CHICAGO 1P

MICKEY COHEN. MISCELLANEOUS DASH INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE TELEPHONE CALL NIGHT SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] BUREAU.

COHEN NOT PICKED UP BY FBI, CG. VERIFIED THROUGH

DEPUTY CHIEF OF DETECTIVE-S OFFICE, CG PD, THAT

COHEN PICKED UP BY CG PD OFFICERS AND SUBSEQUENTLY

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WRITER OF ATTACHED letters  
 is Brother of Mickey Cohen.

L. B. Nichols  
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From [REDACTED]

*Lee Nichols*

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Radio station WOL, Chicago, D. C., on its 11:00 p. m. news broadcast, 12-22-57, reporting from the "lines of United Press" announced the arrest at Chicago by "FBI Agents" of hoodlum Mickey Cohen, 5-22-57, in connection with Federal Grand Jury inquiry concerning Paul Ricca, former Al Capone gang leader. Attached teletype is reply to telephone call to Chicago Office requesting information as to whether any Bureau participation or current interest in announced arrest. Arrest made by Chicago Police. Subsequent news items indicate Ricca is under indictment for income tax evasion and Federal Government is trying to deport him.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: May 28, 1957

FROM : F. L. Price *gfp*SUBJECT: MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
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In accordance with the Director's observation, the following information furnished by our Los Angeles Office in the attached airtel is being forwarded to Deputy Attorney General Rogers and to the Internal Revenue Service by memorandum.

The "Los Angeles Herald-Express" on April 1, 1957, reported that Michael (Mickey) Cohen was in New York, New York, "for soul-searching conferences" with Billy Graham, the evangelist.

Cohen is a former gambler from Los Angeles, California. He served a sentence at McNeil Island Penitentiary, Washington, following a conviction for violating the Federal income tax laws.

A confidential source\* advised the Bureau

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The source further claimed that Cohen is acting as a collector for gambling debts held by gambling casinos in Las Vegas, Nevada, against persons in the Los Angeles area.

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cc - Mr. Nichols

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

Los Angeles advised the information furnished by the source is not subject to verification in many respects.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That if approved the enclosed memoranda will be sent to Deputy Attorney General Rogers and to the Internal Revenue Service setting forth the information mentioned hereinabove.

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to [redacted]

Mr. William F. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General

May 28, 1957

Director, FBI

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**MICHAEL (MICKY) COHEN  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
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Our Los Angeles, California, Office furnished the following information which, I thought, would be of interest to you:

The "Los Angeles Herald-Express" on April 1, 1957, reported that Michael (Micky) Cohen, was in New York, New York, "for soul-searching conferences" with Billy Graham, the evangelist."

Cohen is a former gambler from Los Angeles, California. He served a sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, following a conviction for violating the Federal income tax laws.

A confidential source advised this Bureau [REDACTED] *Calif*

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*Re: [REDACTED]*  
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This information has not been verified or corroborated through investigation by this Bureau. The Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, has been advised.

NOTE: This memo is an enclosure to Price to Resen memo dated 5/28/57. HJM:JBF

CC: ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL  
HJM:jbf/jeb

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SAC, San Diego

MICHAEL "HICKEY" COHEN  
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Subject's identification record, FBI No. 755812, reflects following entry: "PD Palm Springs, Calif., Michael Hickey Cohen #PS-7622, 2/13/56, Art 202, Sec 2025, (hotel reg) Art 412, Sec 4123 (Fail to reg as ex-con) \$100-20 das, \$75 20 das susp, \$100-20 das, \$50 20 das susp."

Advise immediately whether disposition shown mean fine and days sentenced or fine or days sentenced.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/27/57

FROM: SAC, Los Angeles (62-3157)

SUBJECT: MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN, was.,  
FBI No. 755912  
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DATE 7/21/98 BY 8224/SM/CLC/gul

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 7/15/57.

Lieutenant [REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department Intelligence Division, on 8/23/57, furnished SA [REDACTED] some current information re COHEN.

[REDACTED] stated it has come to Police attention that COHEN is selling his greenhouse holdings. The "Los Angeles Daily Journal" on 8/23/57 indicated that "Michael's Greenhouse", 1402 Exposition Boulevard, has just gone into escrow.

[REDACTED] said that a newspaperman, unnamed, contacted COHEN on this, learning that on 8/16/57 COHEN filed a notice of sale, indicating he is selling out to two Japanese, and that the Bank of America, 3191 Wilshire Boulevard, is handling this sale.

COHEN reportedly told the newsman that he intends to go to Italy for a period of four to six months with Movie Producer BEN HECHT. He said he would stay at HECHT's Italian villa. The reporter asked COHEN if he would meet with LUCKY LUCIANO, to which COHEN replied in the negative, adding that he has never dealt in narcotics. COHEN said that his Chicago Attorney, [REDACTED] is handling the arrangements.

Lieutenant [REDACTED] said that the Internal Revenue Service is aware of COHEN's contemplated trip and is attempting to block a passport for him. [REDACTED] said IRS is "closing in" on COHEN and IRS Agents have for months been keeping very close track of every expenditure by COHEN, particularly his night club and dinner expenses. They believe that he is spending between \$1,500.00 and \$2,000.00 per month, including \$275.00 per month for his apartment. IRS Agents are, of course, interested in collecting COHEN's long delinquent tax bill, amounting to close to one-half million dollars. They are aware that he has been attempting to sell the manuscript of the story of his life to movie people, particularly

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to BEN HECHT. IRS considers this manuscript personal property which can be confiscated and sold at auction. They are making every effort to find the manuscript so that it can be sold and the proceeds applied against COHEN's tax bill.

[REDACTED] said there are possibly some indications that COHEN is having financial difficulties, even though he drives a 1957 Cadillac and has been spending lavishly at expensive restaurants and night clubs. [REDACTED] said COHEN still is constantly in the company of [REDACTED], one of the notorious hoodlums. COHEN picked up a restaurant bill of \$50.00 the other evening. He was observed borrowing \$40.00 from [REDACTED] and \$10.00 from somebody else in the restaurant in order to pay the check.

An off-hand conversation between COHEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The nature of this was not learned.

The above information is furnished so that the Bureau's record on COHEN will be up to date as of this time.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Los Angeles, California

7-18-57

July 15, 1957

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SAC, L.A.

Re: Michael (Mickey) Cohen,  
With alias Michael Kane  
FBI Number 755912

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Personal History and Background

Cohen was born September 4, 1913, at Brooklyn, New York. He has stated on occasion that the year was 1911. He moved with his family to Los Angeles while still of grammar school age. In his youth he attempted to be a professional boxer and was a frequenter of gymnasiums where boxers trained. He visited Cleveland, Ohio, and Chicago, Illinois, for a time. He is married. [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] They have no children.

Cohen presently resides at the Del Capri Hotel, 10587 Wilshire Boulevard, West Los Angeles, California.

Criminal Activities

Records of the Los Angeles Police Department show that Cohen engaged in bookmaking activities in the Los Angeles area for a number of years, and also was involved in the ownership of gambling joints such as the Dincara Stock Farm at Burbank, California, in the late 1940's.

In the late 1940's Cohen negotiated loans [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] both in Los Angeles. The reported maximum on these loans was \$25,000.

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Re: Michael (Mickey) Cohen

Cohen formerly resided at 9958½ Robbins Drive, Beverly Hills, California, in an apartment. It is reported that Cohen [REDACTED] b7C

Cohen subsequently moved to 513 Moreno Street, Brentwood Heights, Los Angeles, where he and his wife resided in a private residence.

He was arrested by the Police Department at Cleveland, Ohio, on February 12, 1934, on a charge of embezzlement. He was sentenced to an Ohio prison for two years, and then paroled. Although he was arrested on numerous other occasions in subsequent years on charges of bookmaking, assault, and conspiracy to obstruct justice, all in Los Angeles County, he was not convicted until he was arrested April 6, 1951, at Los Angeles on charges of violating the Federal income tax laws. [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] Cohen was convicted and entered McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary, Washington, on February 14, 1952, to serve a term of five years. He was given a Conditional Release from that penitentiary on October 9, 1955.

#### Associates

The Los Angeles Police Department listed the associates of Cohen as follows:

[REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED]  
Harry Cohen (Cohen's brother)  
[REDACTED]  
Joseph Sica  
[REDACTED]

Re: Michael (Mickey) Cohen

Business Activities

At the present, Cohen operates a greenhouse known as "Michael's Tropical Plants" in Los Angeles [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] He has utilized salesmen to attempt the placement of tropical plants in business establishments on a rental basis, and local law enforcement officers suspect the greenhouse is being utilized as a "front" for Cohen's activities, which may not be legitimate, and as a useful device to cover up his source of funds.

Cohen reportedly is living on an expensive scale and is reported to be back in an old racket of allegedly extorting money from vulnerable individuals under the guise of obtaining loans from them.

Cohen utilized the services of Attorney [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] of Beverly Hills, California, in setting up his greenhouse business. b7D  
[REDACTED]

In 1957 the Los Angeles Police Department filed charges against Cohen for attempting to obtain \$500 from one [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] which Cohen claimed was a sum rightfully due him [REDACTED] as repayment of a loan. [REDACTED] proved to be an unsatisfactory state witness and Cohen was acquitted. The Police Department then filed charges against Cohen for disturbing the peace, Cohen insisted on a jury trial and was found not guilty.

Re: Michael (Mickey) Cohen

Cohen formerly had his bank account at the Union Bank and Trust Company, Los Angeles. He got in an argument with one of the bank officers and transferred his account to the Pacific State Bank, Hawthorne, California, where the account is carried in the name of Michael's Tropical Plants and Flowers, Inc., 1115 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles. Cohen signs checks as manager.

Cohen formerly operated Michael's Haberdashery at 8200 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, which was the scene of the murder of Harry (Hooky) Rothman on August 18, 1948. This murder has not resulted in the prosecution of an assailant.

Cohen was also in the company of Edward (Neddie) Herbert on July 28, 1949, at a nightclub in the vicinity of his haberdashery, at which time unidentified assailants murdered Herbert and Cohen was wounded. The assailants have not been identified.

Max Shaman was killed on May 15, 1945, in a place of business operated by Cohen. Cohen claimed that he had killed Shaman in self defense, and he was not indicted for the shooting. Others were present in the office at the time of the shooting who were associates of Cohen, and it was never definitely established that Cohen actually fired the shot that killed Shaman, although Cohen readily took the credit for it.

It was reported that Cohen departed Los Angeles on May 15, 1957, for New York City. [REDACTED] **b7c**

[REDACTED] was reported to have been observed recently driving Cohen's new Cadillac automobile in Los Angeles. Cohen was reported to be the interviewee on the Mike Wallace television program on the American Broadcasting Company television network on Sunday, May 19, 1957, the program to be televised in the Los Angeles area on the same date over Station KABC, Channel 7, at 10:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Savings Time. Cohen had made a previous trip to New York City in the latter part of April, 1957, and on April 28, 1957, was questioned for several hours by the Chicago Police Department, according to information appearing in Los Angeles papers of that date, in connection with the murders of Leon Marcus on

Re: Michael (Mickey) Cohen

March 31, 1957, and Salvatore Moretti on April 17, 1957, both murders taking place in Chicago.

The "Los Angeles Herald Express" newspaper on April 1, 1957, carried an article stating that Cohen was then in New York City "for soul-searching conferences with Evangelist Billy Graham". It continued, "the meeting came as a result of Cohen's request to the [redacted] a long-time friend of the one-time gambler (Cohen) for an immediate meeting with Graham". [redacted] was quoted as saying in part, "I know that Mickey has a deep desire to change his life". **b7C**

It was reported that Cohen's purpose for the visit to New York City was to set up the television interview with Mike Wallace, which was to be broadcast May 19, 1957, and that this purpose was camouflaged by the publicity relating to Cohen's contact with Reverend Billy Graham.

It was public knowledge that Cohen staged a similar interview in Los Angeles over a local television station with news reporter [redacted] as the interviewer, at which time Cohen made uncomplimentary remarks concerning the Los Angeles Police Department and particularly concerning [redacted] and Captain [redacted] Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department. **b7C**

The interview of Cohen by Mike Wallace on May 19, 1957, was in a similar vein and resulted, on July 8, 1957, in the filing of a two million dollar damage suit by [redacted] and a one million dollar damage suit by Captain [redacted] against the American Broadcasting Company, the tobacco company sponsoring the Mike Wallace show, the advertising agency which carried the tobacco company account, Mike Wallace, and Cohen. **b7C**

It was the claim of Cohen that the Los Angeles Police Department continually harassed him, and it is reported the department has conducted considerable investigation regarding Cohen's activities, although the investigating officers have not been able to develop full details on Cohen's activities.

Re: Michael (Mickey) Cohen

In July, 1957, Cohen was convicted on a traffic citation, was fined \$11, and gave notice of appeal from the conviction.

Hangouts and Places of Amusement

Cohen is a frequenter of night clubs, usually visiting the more expensive places, but does not appear to hang out at any one place.

Identification Record

The following is the identification record for Cohen, FBI Number 755912, under the date of March 14, 1956:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
PD Los Angeles Calif	Mickey Cohen #30732	7/18/33	susp robb	rel 7/19/33
PD Cleveland Ohio	Mickey Cohen #42360	2/12/34	embezzlement	4/21/34 S.S. 2 yrs & par
PD Los Angeles Calif	Michael Mickey Cohen #30732	5/23/40	susp aslt with a deadly weapon	rel 5/25/40
SO Los Angeles Calif	Mickey Cohen #334727	2/4/41	bookmaking	2/4/41 rel bond
SO Los Angeles Calif	Mickey Cohen #344813	7/11/41	bookmaking	7/11/41 rel appeal bond
SO Los Angeles Calif	Mickey Cohen #357640	1/28/42	bookmaking	rel from Los Angeles Co Jail 6/26/42 exp
SO Los Angeles Calif	Michael Cohen #A-4557	7/30/42	591. P.C. (cutting telephone wires)	rel from Los Angeles Co Jail 7/30/42 bond

Re: Michael (Mickey) Cohen

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
SO Los Angeles Calif	Michael Cohen #A-7960	9/25/42	injuring telephone wires & ADW	rel from Co Jai Los Angeles Calif 9/25/42 bond
PD San Fran Calif	Mickey Cohen #76387	9/27/44	\$1000. vag (en route Los Angeles Calif)	9/27/44 disch Ord Bu 9/28/44 dism
SO Los Angeles Calif	Michael Cohen #B-72290	8/19/48	susp murder	found not guilty Jan. 1950
SO Los Angeles Calif	Michael M. Cohen #B-96709	3/22/49	susp conspiracy to murder	found not guilty Jan. 1950
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Re: Michael (Mickey) Cohen

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Los Angeles, California

July 15, 1957

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DATE 7/24/98 BY 6224/mic/ace/jel

Re: Michael (Mickey) Cohen,  
With alias Michael Kane  
FBI Number 755912

Personal History and Background

Cohen was born September 4, 1913, at Brooklyn, New York. He has stated on occasion that the year was 1911. He moved with his family to Los Angeles while still of grammar school age. In his youth he attempted to be a professional boxer and was a frequenter of gymnasiums where boxers trained. He visited Cleveland, Ohio, and Chicago, Illinois, for a time. He is married. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] They have no children. (Source - Records, Los Angeles Police Department, Intelligence Division)

Cohen presently resides at the Del Capri Hotel, 10587 Wilshire Boulevard, West Los Angeles, California. (Source - Files of Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department)  
Criminal Activities

Records of the Los Angeles Police Department show that Cohen engaged in bookmaking activities in the Los Angeles area for a number of years, and also was involved in the ownership of gambling joints such as the Dineara Stock Farm at Burbank, California, in the late 1940's.

In the late 1940's Cohen negotiated loans [REDACTED] b2c b7c

[REDACTED] The reported maximum on these loans was \$25,000. (Source - [REDACTED])  
[REDACTED]

Re: Michael (Mickey) Cohen

Cohen formerly resided at 9958 1/2 Robbins Drive, Beverly Hills, California, in an apartment [REDACTED] b7c b7D

It is reported that Cohen [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Source - Los Angeles PD)

Cohen subsequently moved to 513 Moreno Street, Brentwood Heights, Los Angeles, where he and his wife resided in a private residence. (Source - Records, Los Angeles Police Department, Intelligence Division)

He was arrested by the Police Department at Cleveland, Ohio, on February 12, 1934, on a charge of embezzlement. He was sentenced to an Ohio prison for two years, and then paroled. Although he was arrested on numerous other occasions in subsequent years on charges of bookmaking, assault, and conspiracy to obstruct justice, all in Los Angeles County, he was not convicted until he was arrested April 6, 1951, at Los Angeles on charges of violating the Federal income tax laws. [REDACTED] b7c

Cohen was convicted and entered McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary, Washington, on February 14, 1952, to serve a term of five years. He was given a Conditional Release from that penitentiary on October 9, 1955. (Source - Record Los Angeles Police Department)

Associates

The Los Angeles Police Department listed the associates of Cohen as follows:

[REDACTED] b7c  
Harry Cohen (Cohen's brother)  
[REDACTED]  
Joseph Sica  
[REDACTED]

Re: Michael (Mickey) Cohen

Business Activities

At the present, Cohen operates a greenhouse known as "Michael's Tropical Plants" in Los Angeles. He has utilized salesmen to attempt the placement of tropical plants in business establishments on a rental basis, and local law enforcement officers suspect the greenhouse is being utilized as a "front" for Cohen's activities, which may not be legitimate, and as a useful device to cover up his source of funds. (Source - Lt. [redacted] Intelligence Division, Los Angeles PD) b7c

Cohen reportedly is living on an expensive scale and is reported to be back in an old racket of allegedly extorting money from vulnerable individuals under the guise of obtaining loans from them. (Source - Captain [redacted] Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department) b7c b7D

Cohen utilized the services of Attorney [redacted] of Beverly Hills, California, in setting up his greenhouse business. b7c b7D

[redacted] (Source - Captain [redacted] Intelligence Division, Los Angeles PD)

In 1957 the Los Angeles Police Department filed charges against Cohen for attempting to obtain \$500 from one [redacted] which Cohen claimed was a sum rightfully due him [redacted] as repayment of a loan. [redacted] proved to be an unsatisfactory state witness and Cohen was acquitted. The Police Department then filed charges against Cohen for disturbing the peace, Cohen insisted on a jury trial and was found not guilty. (Source - Captain [redacted] Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department) b7c b7D

Re: Michael (Mickey) Cohen

Cohen formerly had his bank account at the Union Bank and Trust Company, Los Angeles. He got in an argument with one of the bank officers and transferred his account to the Pacific State Bank, Hawthorne, California, where the account is carried in the name of Michael's Tropical Plants and Flowers, Inc., 1115 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles. Cohen signs checks as manager. (Source - Special Agent [redacted]) **b7c**

Cohen formerly operated Michael's Haberdashery at 8200 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, which was the scene of the murder of Harry (Hooky) Rothman on August 18, 1948. This murder has not resulted in the prosecution of an assailant.

Cohen was also in the company of Edward (Neddie) Herbert on July 28, 1949, at a nightclub in the vicinity of his haberdashery, at which time unidentified assailants murdered Herbert and Cohen was wounded. The assailants have not been identified. (Source - Captain [redacted] Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department) **b7c b7D**

Max Shaman was killed on May 15, 1945, in a place of business operated by Cohen. Cohen claimed that he had killed Shaman in self defense, and he was not indicted for the shooting. Others were present in the office at the time of the shooting who were associates of Cohen, and it was never definitely established that Cohen actually fired the shot that killed Shaman, although Cohen readily took the credit for it. (Source - Records, Los Angeles Police Department, Intelligence Division)

It was reported that Cohen departed Los Angeles on May 15, 1957, for New York City. [redacted] **b7c**

[redacted] was reported to have been observed recently driving Cohen's new Cadillac automobile in Los Angeles. Cohen was reported to be the interviewee on the Mike Wallace television program on the American Broadcasting Company television network on Sunday, May 19, 1957, the program to be televised in the Los Angeles area on the same date over Station KABC, Channel 7, at 10:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Savings Time. Cohen had made a previous trip to New York City in the latter part of April, 1957, and on April 28, 1957, was questioned for several hours by the Chicago Police Department, according to information appearing in Los Angeles papers of that date, in connection with the murders of Leon Marcus on

Re: Michael (Mickey) Cohen

March 31, 1957, and Salvatore Moretti on April 17, 1957, both murders taking place in Chicago. (Source - [REDACTED])

The "Los Angeles Herald Express" newspaper on April 1, 1957, carried an article stating that Cohen was then in New York City "for soul-searching conferences with Evangelist Billy Graham". It continued, "the meeting came as a result of Cohen's request to the [REDACTED] a long-time friend of the one-time gambler (Cohen) for an immediate meeting with Graham". [REDACTED] was quoted as saying in part, "I know that Mickey has a deep desire to change his life".

It was reported that Cohen's purpose for the visit to New York City was to set up the television interview with Mike Wallace, which was to be broadcast May 19, 1957, and that this purpose was camouflaged by the publicity relating to Cohen's contact with Reverend Billy Graham. (Source - [REDACTED])

It was public knowledge that Cohen staged a similar interview in Los Angeles over a local television station with news reporter [REDACTED] as the interviewer, at which time Cohen made uncomplimentary remarks concerning the Los Angeles Police Department and particularly concerning [REDACTED] and Captain [REDACTED] Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department.

The interview of Cohen by Mike Wallace on May 19, 1957, was in a similar vein and resulted, on July 8, 1957, in the filing of a two million dollar damage suit by [REDACTED] and a one million dollar damage suit by Captain [REDACTED] against the American Broadcasting Company, the tobacco company sponsoring the Mike Wallace show, the advertising agency which carried the tobacco company account, Mike Wallace, and Cohen. (Source - Captain [REDACTED] Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department)

It was the claim of Cohen that the Los Angeles Police Department continually harassed him, and it is reported the department has conducted considerable investigation regarding Cohen's activities, although the investigating officers have not been able to develop full details on Cohen's activities. (Source - Captain [REDACTED] Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department)

Re: Michael (Mickey) Cohen

In July, 1957, Cohen was convicted on a traffic citation, was fined \$11, and gave notice of appeal from the conviction. (Source - "Los Angeles Mirror-News" 7/12/57)

Hangouts and Places of Amusement

Cohen is a frequenter of night clubs, usually visiting the more expensive places, but does not appear to hang out at any one place. (Source - Lt. [REDACTED] Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department)

Identification Record

The following is the identification record for Cohen, FBI Number 755912, under the date of March 14, 1956:

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FD Los Angeles Calif	Mickey Cohen #30732	7/18/33	susp robb	rel 7/19/33
FD Cleveland Ohio	Mickey Cohen #42360	2/12/34	embezzlement	4/21/34 S.S. 2 yrs & par
FD Los Angeles Calif	Michael Mickey Cohen #30732	5/23/40	susp aslt with a deadly weapon	rel 5/25/40
SO Los Angeles Calif	Mickey Cohen #334727	2/4/41	bookmaking	2/4/41 rel bond
SO Los Angeles Calif	Mickey Cohen #344813	7/11/41	bookmaking	7/11/41 rel appeal bond
SO Los Angeles Calif	Mickey Cohen #357640	1/28/42	bookmaking	rel from Los Angeles Co Jail 6/26/42 exp
SO Los Angeles Calif	Michael Cohen #A-4557	7/30/42	591. P.C. (cutting telephone wires)	rel from Los Angeles Co Jail 7/30/42 bond

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PD San Fran Calif	Mickey Cohen #76387	9/27/44	\$1000. vag (en route Los Angeles Calif)	9/27/44 disch Ord Bu 9/28/44 disch
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Date: 8/2/57

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Nease	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO

MICHEAL "MICKEY" COHEN  
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

ReBuairtel 7/31/57.

Lt. [REDACTED] Palm Springs, Calif. PD, advised 8/2/57, COHEN arrested 2/13/56, and charged with violations as listed. Pled guilty same date to both charges. Sentenced to \$100 or 20 days plus suspended sentence of \$50 or 20 days for violation of hotel registration ordinance and \$100 or 20 days plus suspended sentence of \$75 or 20 days for failure to register as ex-con. Paid \$200 and released 2/13/56.

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Mr. Rosen

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Los Angeles, California

September 30, 1957

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Re: MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN,  
with aliases, FBI No.  
755912

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DATE 7/21/98 BY 8224/MLK/DE/pL

Criminal Activities

During the month of June, 1957, COHEN visited in Chicago, Illinois, and a check was made there of certain telephone calls he made while there. Among those called were the Beverly Crest Cleaners, 10301 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, a place where COHEN is frequently observed by Los Angeles Police Officers. [REDACTED] b7c

Another number called is [REDACTED] b7c

He also called [REDACTED] b7c

The "Los Angeles Times" for August 4, 1957, in an article datelined Oceanside, California, August 3, 1957, stated that MICKEY COHEN had been in Oceanside, apparently to consult with Author BEN HECHT, and had registered with the Oceanside Police Department as an ex-convict. The article stated that HECHT, when asked about COHEN's visit, confirmed that COHEN had dropped in on him with a 150 page typed manuscript, which COHEN said he had dictated. HECHT said, "He must have done it himself. No one but MICKEY uses words that way. It's a gold mine of facts -- I haven't seen so many facts since I was a newspaper reporter. It has MICKEY's indelible stamp. MICKEY brought it to me and asked me to read it and tell him what I thought of it. I don't know of any plans he may have for it." The article reported HECHT said he had known COHEN for a long time. C

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Re: MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN

It is reliably reported the manuscript promoted by COHEN is his own "life story." which he would like to have produced as a motion picture. COHEN reportedly told newsmen he intends to go to Italy for a period of four to six months with BEN HECHT, where he would stay at HECHT's Italian villa. COHEN was asked if he would meet with LUCKY LUCIANO in Italy, to which COHEN replied in the negative, adding that he has never dealt in narcotics. COHEN said his Chicago Attorney, [REDACTED] is handling the arrangements, and COHEN desires BEN HECHT to produce the movie. b7c

In August, 1957, COHEN sold one of his greenhouses, from which he had run the business, "Michael's Tropical Plants." The "Los Angeles Daily Journal", on August 23, 1957, indicated that "Michael's Greenhouse", 1402 Exposition Boulevard, had just gone into escrow. He reportedly was selling the property to two Japanese, and the Bank of America Branch at 3191 Wilshire Boulevard was handling the sale.

The Internal Revenue Service, United States Treasury Department, was reportedly aware of COHEN's contemplated trip to Europe and is attempting to block the issuance of a passport to him. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agents are reported to be keeping very close track of COHEN's expenditures, particularly his night club and dinner expenses, for the past number of months and are reported to have discovered he spends between \$1,500.00 and \$2,000.00 per month, including \$275.00 per month for his apartment. - The IRS Agents are interested in collecting COHEN's delinquent tax bill, amounting to close to one-half million dollars, and are attempting to locate the manuscript COHEN wishes to make into a movie in order that they may sell the manuscript as personal property of COHEN in order to satisfy a portion of COHEN's tax bill.

It was reported that a conversation between COHEN [REDACTED] b7c b7D

The "Hollywood Citizens-News" for August 27, 1957 carried an article stating that COHEN wants to go to Italy with BEN HECHT to work on a movie script of his life but is

Re: MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN

having passport trouble. COHEN reportedly stated, "The Department of Justice seems to think maybe I'm going over there for something other than the reason I'm really going." He is quoted as saying that HECHT has a villa in Rome, and, "We thought if we could get away from telephones and interruptions, we could get the story finished." The article stated COHEN is quitting his job as manager of a nursery, saying he never owned any part of the nursery and only worked there.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that [REDACTED]

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The following addition is made to the Identification Record for COHEN, FBI No. 755912, under date of July 26, 1957:

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PD Los Angeles, Calif.	Mickey Michael Cohen, #LA 178743-C	12/28/56	Disturbing peace, 2 counts	3/1/57, not guilty - released

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*Boston 9-30-57*

September 27, 1957

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No additional information has been obtained since the submission of the report dated July 18, 1957.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. Boardman

DATE: 3/14/58

FROM: Mr. Rosen

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SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM  
DEVELOPMENTS IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

[REDACTED] CLAIMS U. S. PROBATION OFFICER  
IS SYMPATHETIC TO HOODLUM MICKEY COHEN

Alleges Cohen Put in Touch with American Civil Liberties Union  
for Legal Counsel by Officer

[REDACTED] advised an Agent of the Los Angeles Office that  
U. S. Probation Officer [REDACTED] is sympathetic toward top hoodlum Mickey Cohen.  
[REDACTED] based this opinion on [REDACTED] having directed Cohen to the  
office of the American Civil Liberties Union for legal counsel  
in regard to his recent difficulties with the Beverly Hills  
Police Department, occasioned by Cohen's failure to register  
as an ex-convict as required by a city ordinance. [REDACTED]  
said that [REDACTED] held that the charges against Cohen constituted  
a violation of his civil rights. When Cohen finally came on  
for trial he was represented by [REDACTED] and  
[REDACTED] attorneys for the Los Angeles Chapter of the  
American Civil Liberties Union.

COHEN REPORTEDLY GUARDIAN ANGEL FOR LOS ANGELES PROSTITUTE AND STUP

Allegedly Secured Return of Money Extorted by Hoodlum  
Strong-Arm Man

A story has come to the attention of the Los Angeles  
Office concerning an alleged \$2,000 robbery of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] which occurred on January 14, 1958 in front of the

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

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DATE: May 12, 1958

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT: **MIKEY COHEN**  
**TOP HOODLUM**  
**ENTRACKETEERING**

*MIKEY COHEN*

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Boardman  
Belmont  
Mohr  
Nease  
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Rosen  
Tamm  
Clegg  
Glavin  
Harbo  
Holloman  
Ladd  
Nichols  
Rosen  
Tracy  
Tele. Room  
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Gandy

[REDACTED]

Attached is an Autostat each of [REDACTED]

## ACTION TAKEN:

The enclosures [REDACTED] have been returned by special messenger [REDACTED] without comment.

*we should have kept out of this*

## Enclosures

- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Jones.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: August 13, 1958

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MEYER HARRIS COHEN (True Name),  
MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN, was  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER

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Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

West Coast Hoodlum Mickey Cohen, whose life story is currently being written for the Saturday Evening Post, has been warned by other mobsters to lay off the publicity "or else."

Inside Story

Saturday Evening Post subscribers, breathlessly awaiting the book behind the bookie on Gangster Meyer Harris (Mickey) Cohen, are apt to feel a trifle disappointed if they ever discover some of the intimate details which may be overlooked by Ghost Writer Dean Jennings during the course of his research efforts on the west coast.

Hood with a Hook

Bachelor Cohen, a bantam rooster hoodlum who formerly billed himself as the "Featherweight with the 'Dempsey' Punch," is now leading the clean life. In the course of a week he goes through 30 bath towels, 21 large boxes of Kleenex, two large cans of Johnson's baby powder, and one bottle each of Lilac Vegetal and Yardley's After-Shave Lotion. With each shower -- kept sizzling by a specially ordered 300-gallon hot water tank -- he uses up a fresh bar of pink Cashmere Bouquet soap. (LA Crimdel--7/29/58, and LA Top Hoodlum Summary--8/8/58)

Flow of Letters

Indicative of the general immaturity and lack of responsibility on the part of fan-letter writers throughout the country is the fact that a confidential source of the Los Angeles Office reports Cohen receives a steady stream of correspondence, some addressed simply to "Mickey Cohen, Los Angeles."

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1 - John E. McHale Jr.

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Mohr

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1 - Mr. Rosen - 17 AUG 26 1958

1 - Mr. Nease

1 - Criminal Intelligence Unit

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7-13-58

CENTRAL RESEARCH

Memorandum to Belmont

Re: MEYER HARRIS COHEN (True Name),  
MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN, was.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Grim Warning

But all is not sweetness and light in the career of the world's cleanest mobster. On August 4, 1958, New York City Columnist Lee Mortimer, referring to Cohen's obvious love of publicity, wrote : "Top hoods telling Mickey (The Louse) Cohen that if he doesn't shut his trap and keep out of the papers, he'll get only one more story -- on the obit page." (NY Crimdel --- 8/4/58, and the New York Mirror, 8/4/58, p.10)

Observation

It will be interesting to note, when Cohen's life story appears in the Saturday Evening Post, whether or not it triggers off the above-threatened gangland vengeance against a publicity-minded hood who has been too deeply influenced by the Hollywood moguls with whom he has been associating for the past several years.

RECOMMENDATION

For the information of the Director.



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 12, 1959

FROM : A. ROSEN *ARM*

SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN

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ASAC McAndrews of the Washington Field Office has advised that Mickey Cohen, the notorious Los Angeles hoodlum, arrived at the National Airport at 8:45 a.m. today. **b7C**

*[REDACTED]* Cohen *[REDACTED]*  
*[REDACTED]* received considerable publicity *[REDACTED]*  
*[REDACTED]*

It is not known why Cohen is in Washington. The field office is continuing to make a discreet check to determine Cohen's whereabouts and the purpose of his trip to Washington. **62-87747-117**

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Supervisor [REDACTED] called from the Washington Field Office. He advised that Mickey Cohen, the notorious Los Angeles hoodlum, [REDACTED] are registered at the Woodner Hotel. Cohen is registered under his own name and listed his address as 705 South Barrington, Los Angeles. [REDACTED]

The reservation [REDACTED] at the Woodner Hotel was made by [REDACTED]. The hotel was informed that the rooms would be occupied through May 15. When the reservation was made, the hotel was informed that a deluxe suite was desired. Cohen is being charged \$50 a day.

The Washington Field Office is conducting further discreet checks as to Cohen's activities here in the District and is trying to ascertain the purpose of this visit to Washington.

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Mr. DeLoach

August 28, 1959

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MELVIN M. BELLI  
ATTORNEY  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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**BACKGROUND:** The attached newspaper clipping from "The New York Times" of August 25, 1959, reflects that Attorney Melvin M. Belli, a San Francisco trial lawyer, introduced West Coast mobster Mickey Cohen at a seminar on legal tactics during the current American Bar Association convention. Cohen was introduced as "Professor O'Brien" expert on tax evasion and other criminal cases. The Director noted "What do we know re Belli?"

The current Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory lists a Melvin M. Belli born 1907, admitted to the Bar 1933. He is associated with the law firm of Belli, A and Gerry, 240 Stockton Street, San Francisco, California.

**SYNOPSIS:** Belli, in 1941, sent greetings to the Soviet Union in support of the Red Army's struggle against Nazi Germany. In 1947, he charged FBI Agents were harassing his clients, and he was accused by an insurance company of unethical practices in soliciting clients. In 1949, Belli protested the prosecution of twelve communist leaders to [REDACTED]

In 1951, Belli's name appeared on the letter of the "Lawyers Against Test Oaths for the Bar" which group opposed the requirement that candidates for admission to the Bar and members of the California Bar take a loyalty oath. In 1957, [REDACTED] an admitted former member of the Communist Party and former attorney for the Party, was associated with Belli. In 1959, Belli received notoriety for defending racketeer Mickey Cohen, [REDACTED]

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. For information.

**DETAILS:** The "Daily People's World," communist newspaper, of November 6, 1941, page 1, columns 2, 3 and 4 contained an article entitled "Bay Area

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Jones to DeLoach Memo  
Re: **Melvin M. Belli**

Notables Greet Soviet People on Nov. 7." This article reflects that a group of prominent Californians, including Belli, sent greetings to the Soviet Union in support of the Red Army's struggle against Nazi Germany. This message was sent by the Russian-American Society, Inc., which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (105-49865-4)

In 1947, Belli was the attorney for ~~complainants~~ against the Government in connection with injuries arising out of the great explosions on July 17, 1944. In connection with these suits, Belli accused Special Agents of the FBI of harassing his clients and making insulting and unethical interrogations concerning his practices. He later admitted that he was concerned that the FBI might be investigating him since he was being investigated by an insurance company in connection with a \$100,000 suit which a client of his had filed against that company. The insurance company reported him to the California Bar Association for his alleged unethical practices. (62-82613-24)

The "Daily People's World" newspaper, issue of September 22, 1949, contains an article, "Bay Area Notables Protest Communist trial," which reflects that a group of San Franciscans protested the prosecution of twelve communist leaders [REDACTED] The group included Belli. b7c b1 b2 (S)

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On March 9, 1951, the name of Melvin Belli, San Francisco, appeared along with other names on the letterhead of the Lawyers Against Test Oaths for the Bar, P. O. Box 2225, San Francisco 26, and 3614 North Argyle, Los Angeles 28, which appealed to members of the bar to oppose California Senate Bill SB1666, which would impose upon every member of the

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Jones to DeLoach Memo  
Re: Melvin M. Belli

California Bar and every candidate for admission the requirement that a test or loyalty oath be taken as a condition to practicing law.

The "San Francisco Examiner" of October 9, 1956, reflects that Belli was the attorney for the children of an individual who had deeded a ranch worth \$200,000 to an attorney. The children were alleging that this gift was a hidden donation to the Communist Party and that undue influence had been brought to bear upon their father. (100-388561-A)

Belli was reported to be leaving his wife on July 3, 1956, for Europe and travel through Poland to Moscow. (105-49865-4)

The Los Angeles Office advised in April, 1959, that Mickey Cohen was believed to have hired Belli as attorney [REDACTED] (63-4296-26-361) b7C

In 1957, [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] advised that he was associated with Belli. (100-3757-135)

In August, 1949, Belli described by a Los Angeles newspaper as "King of Torts" was described as the attorney for Mickey Cohen in a suit charging Cohen with assault upon [REDACTED] Federal Narcotic Agent [REDACTED] (92-3156-A) b7C

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To: Mr. Rosen  
From: Mr. McAndrews

RE: MEYER HARRIS COHEN  
aka MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
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Mr. Ingram	✓
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Cohen currently being investigated under  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 29, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: <sup>(1)</sup> MICKEY COHEN  
VISIT TO WASHINGTON 9-28-60

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There are attached two newspaper clippings, one from the News and one from the Star of 9-29-60 relating to interviews held by reporters with Mickey Cohen upon his visit to town yesterday.

The Director might enjoy reading these.

[REDACTED] of Channel 4 (NBC, WRC-TV) on his 11:00 p.m., 9-28-60, local news program also covered Cohen's visit to town as did [REDACTED] of Channel 7 (WMAL-TV) on his local news show last night. [REDACTED] mentioned that Cohen had visited Drew Pearson.

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# **Tom Donnelly Interviews**

## **Mickey Cohen: Page 23**

The Washington Daily News  
September 29, 1960  
City Edition

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ENCLOSURE

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## Shooting Down Memory Lane

By TOM DONNELLY

MICKEY COHEN, sometimes described by the press as "the former gambling kingpin," and by the Internal Revenue Department in a variety of less flattering terms, was in town yesterday on social and legal business. I rode out to National Airport with him at his kind invitation.

"How'd you know I was here?" Mickey inquired. "I registered at the hotel as Meyer Cohen. That's what the Government says my name is. But I always thought my name was Michael Mickey Cohen. I guess you got your sources, huh? I just came to visit Drew Pearson, he's a personal friend of mine. He's very worried about the shape the country's in. And I saw some lawyers here. I don't know what we're going to work out, but you need a lot of lawyers when you get into income tax trouble. I've got lawyers in L. A., of course."

At the moment Mickey is



MICKEY

out on \$25,000 bond following his arrest in Los Angeles on a 13-count Federal indictment. He is accused of evading \$347,000 in income taxes. Mickey says the law has got no respect for the

(Continued on Page 64)

# Tom Donnelly

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law, that's the real trouble. After two and a half years of investigations they come to arrest me on a secret indictment and five minutes after they arrive the news is blarin' out of the radio. They seized six cartons of jewelry and belongings and they didn't give me no receipts.

"I just had a birthday Sept. 4 and all those gifts were engraved and monogrammed. But no receipts! So they're in my apartment four hours and we go outside and they've got the streets blocked off and there's a big crowd out there. People standing there eating sandwiches and cokes and a guy drives up in a truck and starts sellin' coffee! Some secret indictment! You'd think it was one of those Hollywood premieres, with sirens blowin' all over the place!"

The worst thing, said Mickey, was the kids standing around shouting "Hooray for you, Mickey!" Mickey shook his head. "No wonder we got a juvenile delinquency problem. They build up somebody as a hero who shouldn't be looked at as a hero. I know the kind of life I live today is correct and decent, but I know what my name is supposed to stand for. Maybe if the officials themselves didn't abuse the laws and put on carnivals kids would have more respect. I'm 47 now, don't forget, and I got a different viewpoint."

(Presumably Mickey will give the public his own slant on his status as a hero, or non-hero, in the forthcoming book, "The Mickey Cohen Story," which he is writing in collaboration with Ben Hecht. "It will be on the streets in July," said Mickey, who sold newspapers in his youth. The film version will follow in due course.)

Four counts in the indictment were for owning four undeclared cadillacs, Mickey said. "One count for each cadillac! Even the judge said they ought to have been rolled into one count. You can look it up in the record if you don't believe me. Anyway I don't even have one cadillac. My sister, she's got a cadillac."

Considering that he is in constant difficulties with authorities of one sort or another, Mickey doesn't seem to suffer from a noticeable persecution complex. When he visits Chicago, two policemen are generally assigned to follow him around. "It's just kind of ridiculous," Mickey observed mildly. "Even the cops feel ridiculous. I don't mind, except when you go to somebody's house for dinner they naturally wonder what those guys out in the car are doing."

The talk about crime in the U. S. is greatly exaggerated, Mickey believes. You take the Mafia, for instance. There isn't any, Mickey says. "It's just an unfair slur on the Italian people. Sure, maybe there used to be, but not anymore. They draw charts and say this Italian person who may be in the rackets knows that Italian person in the rackets so there's a Mafia. But naturally people know people like themselves, that's all it is. You know newspaper people, don't you? So that's a conspiracy? So I used to be in the racket world and today I know people who used to be in the racket world. But if we

throw away the idea that people can't ever rehabilitate themselves, where will this country wind up?"

I had brought along all the pictures of Mickey in The News morgue and I presented them to him at the airport coffee shop, thinking he might like to recall old times. He was very pleased. "Kind of 'This Is Your Life,'" he said, shuffling thru them at random. He smiled at a scowling portrait taken as he waited to appear before the Kefauver Committee. "I was wearing them real wide ties in those days," he said, fingering a slim, chaste white necktie that went superbly with his discreet gray suit.

"I don't like that one," he said, of a picture of himself behind bars, taken as he was being booked on suspicion of murder in connection with the gangland slaying of a widely-known bookie.

Mickey also didn't think much of a picture showing him on his way to McNell Island Federal Penitentiary in 1950, to serve five years for income tax evasion. "I just don't like to recall the accommodations there," he said.

There was a close-up of Mickey with a black eye. "That was a beef I had with the chief of the Federal Narcotics Bureau," Mickey explained. "I got acquitted. It was the first time in his story anyone ever got acquitted of assaulting a federal officer. I think

The caption under a study of Mickey and Miss Candy Barr, strip dancer, explained that he had gotten her out of a Hollywood jail after she was arrested on a fugitive from Texas warrant, the whole thing having something to do with Miss Barr's possession of marijuana. I inquired if Mickey had ever asked Miss Barr to marry him, as the caption said he intended to. "No," said Mickey. "She's still in the Federal pen in Texas."

A view of Mickey, sprucing up in a motel suite, was accompanied by the intelligence that he was on his way to visit the family of Johnny Stompanato, who had recently been slain by Lana Turner's daughter, Cheryl. "He was a fine boy," said Mickey. "Once he borrowed money from me to buy Cheryl a hot date, but no bum. Did you know he was buried with full military honors?"

I handed Mickey a blow-up showing him bare to the waist, lying on a hospital stretcher as a doctor treated him for a bullet wound in his right shoulder, suffered in an ambush outside a fashionable Sunset Strip restaurant. Mickey sighed. "These pictures sure bring back memories," he said.

# Mickey Cohen in Town Looking for a Lawyer

By MYRA MacPHERSON

Mickey Cohen, no stranger to death and taxes, spent a quiet day in Washington yesterday, mostly alone, behind the locked door of his Statler-Hilton Hotel suite. A blue-threaded "Mickey" crawls its way across the pocket of his white shirt. A gold "Mickey" stands on his briefcase.

But the one-time gambling kingpin of the West's coast of gold registered as "Meyer Cohen." He was dumbfounded that anyone found him. **fact. They gotta charge against me for each different Cadillac."**

“Did you know that was my name?” Meyer Harris Cohen. “They told me that was my name when I got indicted. I always thought I was Michael Cohen. Had to get indicted to find out my right name.”

The indictment he speaks of was for income tax evasion, which brought him a prison term in the early 1950s. He recently was indicted again on charges of evading \$347,000 in income taxes.

## Four Cadillacs

"I done five years. Now, they got a 13-count indictment for concealing more money. I don't even know what all for," said the 47-year-old Cohen. "Four different years I owned Cadillac in private practice. Mr. Arnold said he met with Cohen but would not comment about taking the case.

In three decades of underworld living, Mickey has been

He's sold his bulletproof car, his guns and his \$120,000 mansion with its protective warning electric eye. Despite the fact that his name has cropped up several times in 10 years (last December, he witnessed a bookie's death, in 1956 he was accused of assaulting an officer), Mickey says he's quit the business and all is quiet on the western front.

## He's Fed Up

"It's not that I'm holler than thou. It's just that I had my belly full. I just don't want to worry no more when someone knocks on my door."

Of the 1950 bombing of his home, Mickey shows his usual forgetfulness that comes when numbers are mentioned. He says, "That stuff was 18 years ago. There was a war on — in L. A. I mean the battle of Sunset Strip," he continued, not to confuse it with another skirmish called World War II. Yesterday Mickey was polite and said "yes ma'am" and smiled to break the scowl that is almost as much fixture of his face as his slightly squashed nose, a reminder of Prohibition boxing days.

For a man up to his thinning black hair in back taxes, he looked expensively dressed in a sharply creased suit and gleaming black shoes he stopped to polish twice. He was clean shaven and smelled as sweet as the roses in the flower shop he once owned.

"A losing business," he said with a shake of his head, explaining how he accounted for barely \$2,000 earnings in two years.

## Favors Returned

"You don't have no income on loans," he said, adding candidly that he's been living on lots of loans since he left prison five years ago.

"In the days when I was operating fairly large I was good to many people and they're returning the favor. That's the way of life in the sporting world."

As he left the Station for his appointment with Mr. Arnold, Mickey could find nothing smaller than a \$20 bill to ring the bellhop for taking his bags. "I'm leaving from here to New York to locate witnesses to the 1960 transactions dealing with Cuba," he said, then he turned to Bullock and said, "I'll be back."

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Washington, D. C.  
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Director, FBI

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ATTORNEY

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

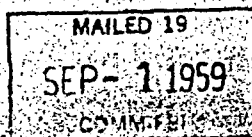
As you may be aware, Melvin M. Belli, a San Francisco trial attorney, introduced west coast mobster Mickey Cohen at a seminar on legal tactics during the American Bar Association convention recently concluded in Miami Beach, Florida. Cohen was introduced as "Professor O'Brien," an expert on tax evasion and other criminal cases. Belli and Cohen have regarded this incident as humorous, but, of course, this type of humor is in extremely poor taste.

Belli has an extremely questionable record, and your office should be alert for any violation of law by Belli coming to your attention.

1 - Mr. Belmont

NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo dated 9-1-59 captioned as above.

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It should be noted the meeting of International Association Chiefs of Police will be held at the Statler Hotel the week of October 2.

Date: 9/27/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (92-112)

MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka  
Mickey Cohen  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Los Angeles

Re LA radiogram 9/20/60.

MICKEY COHEN arrived Washington National Airport on American Airlines Flight 241 5:10 p.m. 9/27/60. He was traveling alone and had with him five pieces of luggage. He took a taxicab from the airport to the Statler-Hilton Hotel where he is presently registered under his true name of MEYER COHEN. After registering and remaining in the hotel for a short period of time, he departed from the hotel in a taxicab and proceeded to the home of columnist DREW PEARSON, 2820 Dunbarton Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of this contact is not known to the WFO.

Los Angeles in reradiogram advised that COHEN was arrested by Internal Revenue Service during early September, 1960, at Los Angeles, on a 13 count indictment charging income tax violation. He is free on \$25,000 bond and permission was granted by U.S. District Court, Los Angeles, for his travel to Chicago and Washington, D.C., to confer with unnamed attorneys regarding defense. He must return to Los Angeles by 10/4/60. He left Los Angeles with Attorney JACK DAHLSTROM. Chicago Division advised the Chicago Police Department had COHEN under surveillance after his arrival in Chicago on 9/21/60, until his departure to New York on 9/26/60. He was under surveillance by the New York Police Department while in New York City.

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- 2 - Los Angeles (AM)

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Special Agent in Charge

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Logical informants have been alerted by WFO and spot checks will be made of COHEN's activities while he is in Washington, D.C. Any pertinent developments will be brought to the attention of the Bureau and Los Angeles.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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**Memorandum***g*  
TO : MR. PARSONS *Sm*

DATE: September 28, 1960

FROM : A. ROSEN *Sm*

SUBJECT: MEYER COHEN

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The following additional information has been reported by the Washington Field Office with reference to the activities of Cohen who is presently in Washington, D. C.

Although Cohen is traveling alone, he asked the Statler-Hilton Hotel for a suite of rooms. The hotel was unable to supply this but did give him adjoining rooms, Numbers 601 and 603. Cohen told the hotel he planned to leave on Thursday, September 29, 1960.

The field office reports that Cohen is most security conscious; that he uses public telephones exclusively. While he visited Drew Pearson's home last evening, Cohen was there only for a few minutes, having arrived there shortly after 6:00 p. m. After leaving Pearson's home, Cohen returned to the hotel and had dinner in his room. Later in the evening he appeared in the hotel lobby and mailed a number of letters after which he returned to his room.

The Washington Field Office is continuing its discreet check on Cohen and is endeavoring to ascertain whether he has any definite reservations to return to Los Angeles on the 29th.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER *CT*

DATE: 10-31-60

FROM : C. S. Voelker *CV*

SUBJECT: *D*  
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FBI #755 912

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## RECEIPT OF FINGERPRINTS

On 10-27-60 the Identification Division received the fingerprints of Mickey Cohen, FBI #755 912, which were submitted by the Sheriff's Office, Hall of Justice, Los Angeles 12, California, their #334727/B-729637. Cohen was charged on 10-7-60 with violation of income tax laws. No disposition was given. His residence was listed as Los Angeles, California. As you are aware, Cohen has a long arrest record in our files dating back to July 18, 1933. A copy of this record is attached. Copies have been sent to SAC, Los Angeles, since that office has a flash notice posted against Cohen's record.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to Investigative Division for information.

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October 31, 1960

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Director

The following FBI record NUMBER 755 912

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Los Angeles California	Mickey Cohen #30732	July 18, 1933	suspicion robbery	released July 19, 1933
Police Department Cleveland Ohio	Mickey Cohen #42360	February 12, 1934	embezzlement	April 21, 1934 suspended sentence 2 years and paroled
Police Department Los Angeles California	Michael Mickey Cohen #30732	May 23, 1940	suspicion assault with a deadly weapon	released May 25, 1940
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles California	Mickey Cohen #334727	February 4, 1941	bookmaking	February 4, 1941 released bond
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles California	Mickey Cohen #344813	July 11, 1941	bookmaking	July 11, 1941 released appeal bond
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles California	Mickey Cohen #357640	January 28, 1942	bookmaking	released from Los Angeles County Jail June 26, 1942 expiration
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles California	Michael Cohen #A-4557	July 30, 1942	591 Penal Code (cutting telephone wires)	released from Los Angeles County Jail July 30, 1942

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WASHINGTON, D. C.**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles California	Michael Cohen #A-7960	September 25, 1942	injuring telephone wires and assault with deadly weapon	released from County Jail Los Angeles California September 25, 1942 bond
Police Department San Francisco California	Mickey Cohen #76387	September 27, 1944	\$1000.00 vagrancy (enroute Los Angeles California)	September 27, 1944 discharged Ordinance Bureau September 28, 1944 dismissed
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles California	Michael Cohen #B-72290	August 19, 1948	suspicion murder	found not guilty January 1950
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles California	Michael M. Cohen #B-96709	March 22, 1949	suspicion conspiracy to murder	found not guilty January 1950
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles California	Michael Cohen #B-99467	April 12, 1949	conspiracy to obstruct justice assault deadly weapon and robbery	found not guilty January 1950
Police Department Chicago Illinois	Mickey Cohen #D-77276	August 4, 1950	general principles	August 4, 1950 finished on orders
Police Department Albuquerque New Mexico	Michael Cohen #14854	August 11, 1950	investigation	released no charge August 11, 1950
Police Department Wichita Falls Texas	Mickey Michael Cohen #10309	August 31, 1950	investigation	released

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
United States Marshal Los Angeles California	Michael Cohen #24008	April 6, 1951	violation Income Tax Laws	July 9, 1951 5 years and \$10,000.00 fine on each counts 1, 3, 5 and 6 to run concurrently
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles California	Mickey M. Cohen #334727/B-189764	June 20, 1951	false report on income tax return	
Police Department Los Angeles California	Michael Mickey Cohen #178743/R-73090	February 8, 1952	enroute United States Marshal	
United States Penitentiary McNeil Island Washington	Michael Cohen #22508	February 14, 1952	income tax evasion and false and fraud statements	5 years October 9, 1955 conditional release
Police Department Palm Springs California	Michael Mickey Cohen #PS-7622	February 13, 1956	Article 202 Section 2025 (hotel registration) Article 412 Section 4123 (failure to register as ex-convict)	plead guilty February 13, 1956 sentenced to \$100.00 or 20 days plus suspended sentence of \$50.00 or 20 days for violation of Hotel Registration Ordinance and \$100.00 or 20 days plus suspended

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Director

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Los Angeles California	Mickey Michael Cohen #LA 178743-C	December 28, 1956	disturbing the peace 2 counts	sentence of \$75.00 or 20 days for failure to register as ex-convict paid \$200.00 and released February 13, 1956
Police Department Beverly Hills California	Mickey Michael Cohen #45738	September 25, 1957	failure to register as ex-convict disorderly conduct disturbing the peace	March 1, 1957 not guilty released  December 22, 1957 found not guilty in jury trial on disturbing peace and disorderly conduct January 17, 1958 case dismissed on MC 7-202B failure to register as ex-convict constitution- ality of ordinance not upheld
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles California	Michael Cohen #334727 B-542371	March 26 1958	assault Federal Officer	

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

*Walter J. Sullivan*  
Director

Investigation Number 75-91

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CONTRIBUTING AGENCY	NAME AND NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED	DESCRIPTION	DISPOSITION
United States Marshal Los Angeles California	Michael Mickey Cohen #26653	March 27, 1958	Arrested on Federal Officer	
Police Department Philadelphia Pennsylvania	Michael Mickey Cohen #312301	October 21, 1958	violation Criminal Registration Act common gambler	October 21, 1958 discharged by the magistrate
Sheriff's Office Las Vegas Nevada	Michael Mickey Cohen #EX-C 1463-D	April 23, 1959	registered as ex-felon on County Ordinance #9	
Police Department Miami Beach Florida	Michael Mickey Cohen #A-32264	August 23, 1959	voluntary Criminal Registration	August 23, 1959 not held
Police Department Los Angeles California	Michael Mickey Cohen #LA 178 743-C	December 3, 1959	187 Penal Code (murder) booking 989456	
United States Marshal Los Angeles California	Michael Cohen #29951	September 16, 1960	attempt to evade and defeat income tax	
Police Department New York New York	Michael Cohen #B 467056	September 29, 1960	722-11 petty larceny consorting with known criminals	
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles California	Mickey Cohen #334727 #B-729637	October 7, 1960	violation Income Tax Laws	

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

*John Edgar Hoover*  
Director

TELETYPE UNIT, FBI, NUMBER 75-912

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	20732	Police Department Los Angeles California		
	July 19, 1933	vagrancy associate	July 19, 1933	released.
	As Michael Mickey Cohen #30732	Police Department Los Angeles California	February 1, 1941	337a Penal Code 6 months County Jail \$100.00 fine D43 July 11, 1941.
	As Michael Mickey Cohen #30732	Police Department Los Angeles California	March 22, 1949	violation Section Conspiracy 245; 211; 182 subdivision 5; not guilty each count D42 March 7, 1950 (Cs 125967).

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Director

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b></p> <p>Race: caucasian  Sex: male  Height: 66 inches  Weight: 165 pounds  Hair: brown  Eyes: brown  Complexion: medium  Build: medium  Fingerprint file shows date of birth as: September 4, 1913; September 4, 1914; September 3, 1913.  Place of birth: New York City, New York  Citizenship: United States  Residences: Bolton Square Hotel in 1934 (as on print #42360) Brentwood California in 1949 and 1958.  513 Moreno Avenue Brentwood California in 1950  513 Moreno Avenue Brentwood Village West Los Angeles California in 1950  513 Marengo Street West Los Angeles in 1951 (as on print #24008)  1550 Woodruff Street West Los Angeles California in 1956  10587 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles in 1957 (as on print #45738)  705 Barrington Brentwood California in 1958  705S Barrington Street Los Angeles California, in 1958  705 South Barington in 1959 (as on print #LA 178 743-C)  705 South Berrington Avenue West Los Angeles (as on print #B 467056) in 1960  Los Angeles California, in 1960  Mark Hopkins Hotel, in 1944 (as on print #76387)</p>			

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Director

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Occupations:	author's assistant in 1958; author in 1958; florist in 1956; business-man in 1956; haberdasher in 1951, 1952, 1949, 1948; gas station owner in 1940; fight manager in 1942, 1941; pugilist in 1942, 1941; New York salesman in 1942; associate author in 1959, 1960		
	Scars and marks:	1 inch scar under left eye, 2 inch scar left hand, 1 inch scar under right eye, bullet wound right arm, 2 inch cut scar base left thumb, nose broken, web of left hand 1 1/2 inches, cut scar over inner corner left eyebrow		
	Aliases:	Micky, Mickey Mitchell, Harry Jackson, Frank Clark, Mickey Miller, Mickey Sullivan, Merris Kleinman, M. Jones, Jack Watson, Joseph E. Barr, William Sterling, Michael Conn, Michael Kane, Allen Weiner, Donald Quitz, Frank Clark, Mickie Cohen		

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J Edgar Hoover  
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February 28, 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. PARSONS  
MR. MOHR  
MR. ROSEN  
MR. EVANS

While talking to the Attorney General on another matter, I stated that incidentally there was an adjournment in Los Angeles in the Palermo Case because the Circuit Court of Appeals is hearing the motions on the refusal of bail. The Attorney General inquired how Special Assistant to the Attorney General Alvin Goldstein, who is prosecuting the case, was going. I stated, of course, it had hardly started, but so far as I had heard from our office there, he was doing all right. I stated Goldstein was not appearing in the Circuit Court as an Assistant United States Attorney was appearing, but so far as our office is concerned, Goldstein is all right.

The Attorney General commented that a fellow named Sheridan out in Los Angeles wants to handle the tax case on Mickey Cohen and inquired if I had any report on him, that he is an Assistant United States Attorney. The Attorney General stated they had sent two fellows out from the Tax Division, but this is a young fellow, about 27 years of age, and they say he is good and the Attorney General was wondering how he was. I stated I would make a check on him and let him know. The Attorney General stated this is an important case, as I knew. I stated I would find out from our people in Los Angeles what his standing and ability are in the United States Attorney's office. Mr. Evans was instructed to handle this.

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I called the Attorney General and advised him I had a report on Sheridan and it is very good, that he seemed to be cooperative and a capable trial lawyer and the best Assistant United States Attorney in that office for some years. The Attorney General expressed his appreciation for the above.

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Very truly yours,

J.E.H.  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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BY	R.D.L.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Address Reply to the  
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and Refer to Initials and Number

July 18, 1961

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just returned from Los Angeles where I was associate counsel in the recent successful prosecution of Mickey Cohen. I am confident you will agree this victory is a significant step in the Government's relentless drive against the criminal element.

While it is a fact the case involved matters over which the Internal Revenue Service had primary jurisdiction, the end achieved was truly the result of Governmental agencies, including, in no small part, your Bureau, working together as a skilled, professional team. You and your Bureau have every reason to be justifiably proud of the contribution it made to the success obtained in this case. And, more particularly, Special Agent [redacted] of your Los Angeles office is to be especially commended for his untiring and most valuable assistance during all phases of the case.

It was good to once again work closely with members of your Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles A. McNelis*  
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Los Angeles, California  
 July 28, 1961

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR:

Re: "MICKEY" COHEN

You will recall that Cohen; was recently convicted in Federal Court in Los Angeles for income tax evasion. Federal Judge George H. Boldt from Seattle, who was the visiting judge in Los Angeles, heard the case and sentenced Cohen to 15 years and imposed a \$30,000 fine.

Cohen has been attempting to be released on bail, pending his appeal; however, Judge Boldt denied this request, and we have been advised that early this morning the United States Marshal's Office left with Cohen en route to Alcatraz where he will begin to serve his sentence.

The press is aware that Cohen has been taken out of the County Jail but his destination is not known to them, and there will be no public announcement of the destination until after his arrival at Alcatraz.

Respectfully submitted,

*W. G. Simon*

W. G. SIMON  
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*[Signature]*

The Attorney General

October 23, 1961

Director, FBI

MEYER HARRIS "MICKY" COHEN

[REDACTED] advised our Los Angeles Office during the early evening of October 20, 1961, of information received [REDACTED] to the effect that [REDACTED] was in Los Angeles and allegedly planned to whisk "Mickey" Cohen out of the country on a boat.

[REDACTED] advised that he was not in any position to vouch for the reliability of this information. [REDACTED] stated that he was furnishing the same information to the Internal Revenue Service, U. S. Marshal, U. S. Attorney in Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Police Department.

Cohen has recently been released on a \$100,000 bond pending his appeal from a conviction for violation of the income tax laws.

Immediately upon receipt of this information from [REDACTED] Mr. Henry E. Petersen of the Criminal Division was telephonically furnished the details of the allegation as supplied by [REDACTED] concerning the removal of Cohen from this country.

- 1 - Mr. Byron R. White  
Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Herbert A. Miller, Jr.

NOTE: See cover memo Evans to Belmont, same date, same caption.  
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- 1 - Mr. Rosen - EAYH2
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TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Wed. Oct 18, 1961

Dear Sir :-

As a Taxpayer and U.S. Citizen, I wish to protest the recent release from Alcatraz of Mickey Cohen on bail. Apparently the jury trial in Los Angeles, and it was a lengthy one, and subsequent legal action was not sufficient to keep this hoodlum where he belongs.

This is not a crank letter, but I get sick and tired of seeing law enforcement agencies wrap up a good case against such social parasites only to learn that there was a legal technicality which permitted the release.

It is amazing that so much bail money could be raised by a Habeshasheny and Florent shop owner. I also wonder if Cohen's release will lead to the really big boys?

CORRESPONDENCE

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Very Truly Yours  
[Redacted Signature]

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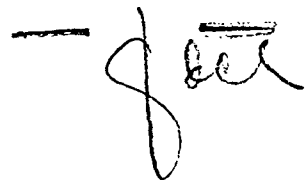
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October 30, 1961

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EX 104

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated October 18, 1961, has been received.

The thought prompting your writing me is very much appreciated, and I was interested in having the benefit of your observations. In connection with your comments, however, I must point out that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and prosecution of the person you named, or that of any individual, lies within the province of the courts. We are not, of course, in a position to make any determinations or recommendations concerning the severity of sentences imposed.

On the other hand, Those of us who watch crime trends on a daily basis are all too frequently shocked by the wholly unjustified jeopardizing of our citizens by hardened criminals who have been granted freedom through loopholes and abuses in our systems of clemency, parole and probation. I strongly believe that this is one of the most serious problems facing law enforcement today, and I am enclosing material which further expresses my views on this subject. I hope you find it pertinent.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (5)

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Letter to [REDACTED]

October 30, 1961

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Enclosures (5)

Dangerous Freedom (Reprinted from The American Magazine, 1-48)  
LEB Introductions 10-57, 11-58, 7-60 and 8-61.

NOTE: Mickey Cohen was recently released on \$100,000 bond in connection with an Internal Revenue Service Matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans *ghw*

DATE: 2/27/63

FROM : C. H. Stanley *CHS*

SUBJECT: MYER HARRIS COHEN, aka  
Mickey Cohen  
Alcatraz Inmate

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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SAC Price, San Francisco, advised information was received from Olin G. Blackwell, Warden, Alcatraz, to the effect that Mickey Cohen, the notorious Los Angeles hoodlum, was transferred from Alcatraz to Atlanta yesterday. He was transported by Border Patrol plane. According to Blackwell Cohen's transfer was part of the phasing out of Alcatraz. The population of this institution is now down to sixty-four inmates.

The above is submitted for your information.

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A MEDICAL PAROLE, A SHAMEFUL ACT.  
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**RESPECTFULLY,**

1 OCT 1968

56 OCT 16 1968

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop *MB*

FROM : G. E. Malmfeldt *gem*

SUBJECT: HARRY COHEN  
1295 LOS ANGELES AVENUE  
SIMI, CALIFORNIA

DATE: 11-18-68

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The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that a letter received on November 12th from captioned individual not be acknowledged.

Cohen is the brother of Meyer Harris Cohen, also known as "Mickey" Cohen, who is currently serving a 15-year sentence for income tax evasion. Harry Cohen was one of the subjects during 1966 and 1967 in a case involving the sending of contraband to his brother, "Mickey." Considerable investigation was conducted and Harry Cohen admitted sending money to a nurse assigned to his brother's prison ward to illegally provide him with certain material and smuggle in and out letters. However, prosecution in this matter was declined.

In his current incoming, Cohen relates complaints concerning the treatment afforded his brother and suggested that he could buy his freedom on parole for a large sum of money. He claims that the inmates are treated like animals and that he is in the process of preparing a book concerning the alleged cruel, inhumane care, violation of human dignity and civil rights, together with cruel and unusual punishment. By letter dated October 5, 1968, Harry Cohen informed the Attorney General that he was concerned about the safety of his brother who had been the victim of a savage criminal attack by an insane inmate previously. He also enumerated many other complaints concerning the treatment afforded his brother and criticized the fact he had not been given a medical parole. A copy of this letter was sent to the Bureau and we in turn provided copies to the Civil Rights Division in the Department, as well as to the Bureau of Prisons.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That in view of the foregoing, correspondent's letter be filed with no further action, except to furnish copies of his letter to the Board of Parole, Bureau of Prisons, and the Civil Rights Division of the Department.

Enclosures (3) *sent gem*  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
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Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	✓
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MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER ( DIRECTOR )  
FEDERAL BUREAU INVESTIGATION.  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

ABOUT 35 YEARS AGO, MY GOOD FRIEND [REDACTED] TOLD ME, ABOUT WHAT A GREAT PERSON YOU ARE , FAIR AND REASONABLE, HUMAN ETC. EVER SINCE THEN I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING YOUR HECTIC CAREER WITH SINCERE DEEP INTEREST ETC.

YESTERDAY, I NOTICED IN THE L.A. TIMES AN ARTICLE ABOUT YOUR BEING ORDERED TO INVESTIGATE THE PRISON RIOT IN OHIO, BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. MAY I TAKE THIS TIME, TO TRY TO BE OF SOME HELP, WITH WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR FEDERAL PRISONS.

I HAPPEN TO BE THE OLDEST BROTHER OF A CHARACTER KNOW AS MICKEY COHEN OF L.A. WHO IS AT PRESENT AN INMATE IN THE U.S. MEDICAL CENTER, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. HE IS THERE FOR PHYSIOTHERAPHY TREATMENT, EVER SINCE HE WAS SAVAGELY ATTACKED BY A KNOWN TO PRISON AUTHORITIES, INSANE INMATE. TODAY, MY KID BROTHER, IS STILL UNABLE TO STAND OR WALK, IS A HOPELESS CRIPPLE, GIVEN NO CHANCE TO GET WELL AGAIN.

SINCE ABOUT 1950 , my kid brother, HAS BEEN IN PRISON TWICE NOW, FOR INCOME TAX VIOLATIONS. THIS TIME HE WAS GIVEN THE CRUELEST, HARSHTEST 15 YEARS SENTENCE. TO DATE HE HAS SERVED MORE THEN HALF OF THIS TERM. HE HAS BEEN DENIED A MEDICAL PAROLE TWICE FOR SOME MYSTERIOUS REASON, KNOWN ONLY TO THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE. HIS LIFE HAS BEEN THREATENED TWICE IN THE MEDICAL CENTER, BY SOME INSANE INMATES, WHO CLAIM THEY HAVE A CONTRACT TO KILL HIM. HE IS NOW IN PROTECTIVE SOLITARY CUSTODY. HE HAS SERVED IN MCNEILS ISLAND, ALCATRAZ, ATLANTA AND NOW IN THE U.S. MED. CENTER.

MR. HOOVER, EVEN YOU WOULD BE SHOCKED AND AMAZED AT SOME OF THE GOINGS ON, IN THOSE PENITENTIARIES, BETWEEN THE INMATES AND PRISON BUREAU GUARDS. (NOT THE TOP OFFICIALS). FROM WHAT I HAVE LEARNED FROM MY BROTHER, IN MY MANY VISITS TO HIM AND HIS LETTERS, -- THIS COUNTRY AND SOCIETY WOULD SAY THAT IT IS UNBELIEVABLE, INHUMANE, SADISTIC ETC.

INSTEAD OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ORDERING AN INVESTIGATION OF A STATE PRISON, HE SHOULD KNOW, WHAT IS GOING ON IN FEDERAL PRISONS, U.S. PAROLE BOARD AND PARDONS. WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT, IF I TOLD YOU THAT I CAN BUY MY BROTHERS FREEDOM ON PAROLE FOR A LARGE SUM OF MONEY ( EXHORBITANT ) COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT WHEN I WAS TOLD.

MR. HOOVER, YOU MUST KNOW AS WELL AS I DO, THAT THERE MUST BE A REASON FOR RIOTS IN PRISONS. INMATES ARE TREATED LIKE ANIMALS, POOR FOOD, NO MEDICAL CARE ETC. ETC. IN FEDERAL PRISONS, "REHABILITATION PROGRAMS" ARE OUT OF THE QUESTION, UNLESS YOU HAVE THE MONEY TO BUY YOUR WAY IN AND OUT. I AM IN THE MIST OF WRITING A "BOOK" ABOUT ALL I HAVE LEARNED FROM MY BROTHERS EXPERIENCES ABOUT CRUELTY, INHUMANE CARE, VIOLATION OF HUMAN DIGNITY, CIVIL RIGHTS, "CRUEL & UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT" AND MORE.

IN CLOSING, MAY I STATE THAT WE, HIS LARGE FAMILY, NEVER CONDONED HIS ESCAPADES AND PAST LIFE AND ACTIVITIES, HOWEVER, HE IS MY BABY BROTHER AND I AM CONCERNED. MR. HOOVER, ANY INFORMATION, THAT MAY INTEREST YOU PERSONALLY, I WILL BE HAPPY TO SUBMIT, AS I HAVE ALWAYS ADMIRERD YOU AND RESPECTED YOUR POSITION WITH LAWS.

RESPECTFULLY,

Harry Cohen

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MR. HOOVER:

I HELD BACK SENDING THIS  
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I WILL NOT EMBARRASS ANYONE IN OFFICE.  
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SYSTEM SHOULD BE IN ORDER IMMEDIATELY.  
ALSO THE U.S. BOARD OF PAROLES . MANY  
LESS DESERVING PAROLES HAVE BEEN  
GRANTED, BY A FIX OR MONEY, I AM SURE.

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U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL  
DEPARTMENT OF U.S. "JUSTICE"?  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR MR. J.J. MITCHELL:

YOU WILL HAVE TO FORGIVE AND BEAR WITH ME FOR TAKING THIS LIBERTY IN WRITING I RECEIVED THREE SPECIAL DELIVERY AIR MAIL LETTERS FROM MY KID BROTHER WHO IS CONFINED AS AN INMATE AT THE U.S. MEDICAL CENTER IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

ABOUT A WEEK OR MORE AGO, MY BROTHER WAS "ROBBERED" BY A "THIEF" WHO IS IN OF THE U.S. PRISON BUREAU AS AN OFFICER. THIS ON THE PRETEXT OF A "SHAKE" MY BROTHER ATTENDED RELIGIOUS SERVICES ON A FRIDAY NIGHT OR EVENING. MY BROTHER THE "INFORMATION" AS TO WHO THE OFFICER WAS ON THAT SHAKEDOWN, & CAN SUPPLY

THREE PAIR OF SUN AND READING GLASSES WERE "STOLEN" PLUS SOME OTHER ITEMS. THE CASES THAT HELD THE KYE GLASSES WERE LEFT. MY ONLY CONCERN IS FOR THE SUN AND READING GLASSES WHICH HE NEEDS BADLY DAILY FOR WRITING HIS FAMILY AND HIS SUN GLASSES. FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, HIS "EYES" WERE DAMAGED WHEN HE WAS ATTACKED CRIMINALLY BY AN INMATE IN ATLANTA IN 1963, WHO PARALYZED AND CRIPPLED HIM SADLY FOR LIFE. STILL UNABLE TO WALK.

MY BROTHER IS DUE TO BE RELEASED ON MANDATORY TIME SERVED ON JANUARY 9th. 1972. HE HAS SERVED TO DATE OVER TEN YEARS ON INCOME TAX IRREGULARITIES THAT WERE NEVER PROVEN YET. HE HAS HAD SEVERAL THREATS TO MURDER HIM BY INSANE INMATES WHO CLAIMED THEY HAD SOME CONTRACTS TO KILL HIM. HE SERVED ABOUT TWO YEARS IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY IN SOLITARY. I STILL LIVE IN DAILY FEAR FOR HIS LIFE AND FURTHER PHYSICAL DAMAGE TO HIS CRIPPLED SHAPE.

MR. MITCHELL, IN AS MUCH AS THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS UNDER YOUR SUPERVISION AND THE F.B.I., PAROLE BOARD MEMBERS, PARDON ATTORNEY AND THE U.S. PRISON BUREAU ARE ALL UNDER YOUR CONTROL, I AM OBLIGED TO APPEAL TO YOU FOR "HELP". ALL I EVER GET FROM MY APPEALS TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED AGENCIES ARE "BRAINWASHING" ANSWERS, MEANING NOTHING.

MR. MITCHELL, I JUST GOT THRU WITH A LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, WHOM I PHONED TO INQUIRE ABOUT MY BROTHER'S CIVIL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AS AN INMATE. I WANTED TO KNOW IF MY BROTHER HAD A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO FILE A "ROBBERY & THEFT" CHARGE AGAINST A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE, THAT PRISON OFFICER. MAY I HAVE AN F.B.I. INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THIS "THEFT" FROM HIS HOSPITAL ROOM?

WHENEVER A POSTAGE STAMP IS STOLEN OR DRAFT RECORDS ARE STOLEN OR BURNED, I HEARD THAT AN INVESTIGATION IS IN ORDER BY THE F.B.I. AND POSTAL INSPECTORS. ARE GOVERNMENT "EMPLOYEES" "IMMUNE" FROM PROSECUTION??? FOR BURGLARY, THEFT, ROBBERY, CORRUPTION ETC.

MY BROTHER WAS SENTENCED IN "1961" TO A 15 YEAR TERM FOR I.R.S. CHARGES. IN 1963 HE WAS SAVAGELY PARALYZED BY A CRIMINAL ATTACK. HE HAS BEEN REJECTED FOR A MEDICAL PAROLE FOR THE PAST 7 YEARS AND THIS IN HIS BADLY CRIPPLED CONDITION. HE WAS DENIED A CHANCE TO EVER BE ABLE TO STAND UP OR WALK PROPERLY EVER AGAIN, INSTEAD OF BEING "REHABILITATED" IN 7 YEARS, HE IS COMING OUT A BITTER, DISGUSTED, DISCOURAGED MAN. I READ THAT YOU AND PRESIDENT NIXON WERE INTERESTED IN REHABILITATION AND COMMISSIONS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO SOLVE THIS DILEMMA OF GROWING CRIME IN THE U.S.A. UNLESS THE COMMISSION TALK TO MEN LIKE ME OR SOME INMATES, THEY WILL NEVER COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS.

MR. MITCHELL, WILL YOU PLEASE HAVE MY LETTER ANSWERED, OR I WILL BE FIT FOR AN INSANE ASYLUM SOON MYSELF. I HAVE LIVED THRU A LIVING HELL AT MY AGE (70) FIGHTING FOR HIM THAT TYPE OF SADISTIC, BIGOTED, U.S. EMPLOYEE, DOES NOT BELONG IN A U.S. HOSPITAL. 95% OF THE INMATES ARE MENTALLY UNBALANCED, CRIPPLED, SICK, DEPRAVED OR DECAYED. I DON'T WANT TO CALL A "PRESS CONFERENCE", I AM BOTHERED DAILY BY THE NEWS MEDIA.

HARRY COHEN  
6331 ORANGE STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CA. 90048

MR. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR OF THE  
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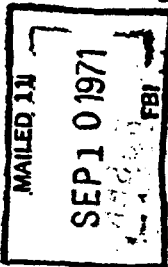
Mr. Harry Cohen  
6331 Orange Street  
Los Angeles, California 90048

Dear Mr. Cohen:

The copy of your letter to the Attorney General was received on September 3rd. While I readily understand the concern that prompted you to write, from the information you have furnished, there does not appear to be a violation of Federal law within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. I have, however, referred a copy of your letter to the Director of the Bureau of Prisons in Washington for any assistance he may be able to render since matters dealing with the Federal prison system fall within the purview of that Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Copy of incoming being referred to Director, Bureau of Prisons by form same date. Correspondent may be a brother of Mickey Cohen, well-known hoodlum.  
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